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SUPERKID

Aussie knocks back \$1.5m offer

by Bruce Campbell

SYDNEY Olympic Superkid Jason Culina is on his way to Dutch giants Ajax – but only after knocking back an offer which his father, Branko, describes as “unbelievable”.

Dutch soccer giant Ajax Amsterdam announced last week that it had signed Australian midfielder Jason Culina on a five-year contract.

Sydney Olympic will collect \$1.1 million from the transfer which is a record for an Australian teenager.

“We were all disappointed when the Brondby deal fell through,” said Branko Culina of his son’s move, “but maybe that was a blessing in disguise.”

“It certainly made clubs in Europe aware that Australia has talented kids.”

“For Jason the move to Ajax was a case of the right person at the right place in the right time.”

“But he had offers from other clubs and in the end the Ajax deal wasn’t the biggest from a financial point of view.”

“Hamburg offered Jason \$1.5million a year which is just staggering.”

“But Ajax have treated him like a king and he is very impressed with their set-up and the way they have looked after him.”

“He didn’t want to go to Italy and the lifestyle in Holland will probably suit him a lot better.”

“Ajax is a massive club and the pressure won’t be as great as it would if he had gone to Italy or Germany.”

Culina also agreed that there would be no language barrier with English being a second language in Holland and that that would certainly make a difference to his son settling.

“We have got good young players in Australia and they can make a good return from playing soccer,” he said.

“Jason has proved that we have talent in this country.”

Ironically just two seasons ago it looked like Jason Culina would move to Canberra Cosmos on a loan deal.

At that time he couldn’t command a regular place in the Sydney United starting line-up and his father, at that time coaching Cosmos, offered a deal to bring him to Canberra on loan.

Sydney United refused but at the beginning of this season he moved across town to Sydney Olympic where his father had been appointed head coach.

Branko Culina was openly disappointed about the off-field factors which prevented Jason from moving to Brondby but is now reconciled that bureaucracy has dealt his son a favour.

“Yes, it is better all round,” he told *Inside Soccer* after returning from Holland.

“Jason is very pleased with the way it has all worked out.”

“He’s joining one of the biggest club teams in the world and is going to be reasonably well off from this.”

The deal will net Jason Culina \$5million over a five year period making him one of the highest paid Australian soccer players in history.



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Stars gather as Melbourne launches Olympic football

by Alan Clark

THE Olympic Games 2000 media launch in Melbourne brought together a host of football talent, as Olympic Football was the focus.

Football is the only Olympic sport being played outside Sydney, and for those not planning on visiting the NSW capital, it's the only way they'll experience live Olympic action.

The football venue in Melbourne - the Melbourne Cricket Ground - was also the main stadium for the 1956 Melbourne Games, making Melbourne one of the few dual Olympic Cities.

Ted Smith - one of the 1956 Olympic Games

players, ex-Socceroo Paul Wade, ex-Matilda Jane Oakley, as well as current Olyroo Michael Curcija were all part of the launch panel, held in the MCG's Long Room.

Present also for the launch were Matilda-prospect Louisa Bisby, Olyroos Simon Colosimo and Archie Thompson, and past Olyroo and Socceroo Jeff Olver.

Ted Smith brought along a national shirt worn by 1956 team-mate Bill Harburn who was subsequently one of those killed in the West Gate Bridge disaster.

Harburn's shirt was now being looked after by his son, and Smith believes it is the only national team shirt of

those Games held in Victoria.

The shirt was white, with a diagonal yellow and green sash running from the right shoulder to the left hip.

There was a badge of the map of Australia (missing Tasmania) on the left chest.

The material was light cotton, quite lighter than the material usually used in shirts of that era.

Despite a lame and misjudged opening where all the old anti-football prejudices were highlighted by MC and 1968 Olympian Peter Norman, clearly a better athlete than a jokester, the launch was upbeat.

With less than 500 days until the opening match,

preparations are well underway.

No promises were being made, but according to Event Director Olympic Games Football Trevor Dohnt, there was the possibility that the opening match will feature Australia.

"SOCOG have put a proposal to FIFA to have the first match here on 13 September 2000 involve the Australian team", Mr Dohnt said.

"That has not yet been confirmed, but FIFA's Organising Committee meets in November (this year) and will hear that recommendation and may actually agree to it.

It's not definite yet, and we won't know until November, but we remain



Paul Wade O.A.M. - part of Melbourne's football launch

confident that will occur."

The first Melbourne matches will be played before the Games in Sydney are officially opened,

and so there will be a Games Opening Ceremony at the Melbourne Cricket Ground between the first women's match and the first men's.

Tickets for the football in all host cities - Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, and Canberra are now on offer to the public.

action in Australia?"

Journalist Gordon Dexter said: "I can't comment. I'm too delirious."

Many fans said they were now bubbling with

excitement at the prospect of seeing their treble-winning heroes play Australia's Socceroos in Melbourne and Sydney in July.

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Red fans ready to back United Down Under

By Doug Conway

MORE 400 fanatical Manchester United supporters cheered, sang, cried and danced on table tops at Sydney's St George leagues club as they celebrated their team's spectacular European Cup triumph.

The emotional but well-behaved crowd was subdued for most of the match as their team trailed to Bayern Munich's early goal in the Barcelona final.

But pandemonium broke out when substitutes Teddy Sheringham

and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer both scored in injury time to snatch an unexpected victory.

Members of Manchester United's Australian supporters club screamed in relief when their heroes hit the equaliser, then disbelief when they hit the lead seconds from the end.

It was just reward for the several hundred who had got out of bed halfway through the night and bitten their fingernails through a frustrating 90 minutes of normal time.

Some sank to their

knees, some cried with joy, many hugged each other, others danced on table tops, and all sang chorus after chorus of "Glory Glory Man United".

"I'm in wonderland at the moment," said lifetime fan Fred Pollitt, 58, of Loftus in southern Sydney.

"The atmosphere was unbelievable. I thought I was back at Old Trafford."

Graham Shakespeare, 36, of Jannali, said: "It just doesn't get better than this. Have you ever seen this sort of re-

Kiwis want Brazil match

WORLD soccer giant Brazil is to be asked to play in New Zealand this year. Australian representatives of promotion company International Management Group (IMG) are due in Auckland this week, and New Zealand Soccer (NZS) chief executive Bob Patterson intends discussing a number of issues, including the possibility of the Brazilians playing here.

The Brazilians are scheduled to play two matches in Australia in November, and Patterson is keen to raise the possibility of them continuing on to New Zealand for one match. New Zealand is already assured of one game against Brazil this year.

The All Whites meet Brazil in their last pool game at the Confederations Cup in Mexico on July 30 after playing the United States and Germany.

SOCCER SHORTS

Breakers Re-Appoint Sterrey

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS have re-appointed Lee Sterrey as head coach for the 1999-2000 Ericsson Cup soccer season.

Sterrey, who will be spending his second season with the club, lifted the Breakers from a lowly performance last year to finish only two places outside the playoffs.

Lazarevski in Switzerland

AUSTRALIAN Nick Lazarevski recently transferred to Swiss second division club FC Chiasso from amateur outfit FC Monthey.

Although Chiasso is currently bottom of the Second Division, Lazarevski impressed at the Club situated on the Swiss/Italian border by scoring two goals in his debut match against Kriens on April 20.

Lazarevski is currently sidelined through an injury.

Muscat wins Wolves player's award

FORMER South Melbourne defender Kevin Muscat has been selected as the 1999 Wolverhampton Wanderers Player-of-the-Year.

Muscat will line up for the Socceroos against FIFA's All-Star XI at Stadium Australia on June 12.

Carlton Stars return

FORMER Carlton stars Vince Grella of Empoli and Andy Vlahos of Panathinaikos return to Melbourne at the end of this week.

Both players will be attending the Carlton End of Season Celebration at the Grand Hyatt on Friday 4 June 1999.

Australia's forgotten team

By Ted Simmons

OLYROOS coach Raul Blanco (pictured right) is angry about the lack of recognition for Australia's forgotten soccer team.

Blanco is in charge of the Australian team for next year's Olympic Games but feels the squad has been ignored with the emphasis on the national league and the upcoming FIFA international and two Manchester United matches.

"The Olyroos? Hardly anyone knows we exist and I'm absolutely ashamed they don't get more recognition," Blanco said.

"There's more news given to an English team which might be relegated. Maybe we have to lose more often to get better recognition."

Blanco said the recent 1-0

win over the Japanese Olympic team was an important step after the earlier losses to South Korea.

The Olyroos will be back in camp this week to continue the campaign to build a strong line-up for the Sydney Games.

A series of camps have been planned over the next two months while negotiations are in progress to arrange further internationals.

"The local players are inactive now with the end of the national league and there is a possibility of further matches overseas," Blanco said.

"These matches will be for the locally-based players because the overseas members will soon be back in pre-season training with their clubs.

"International games are the real test. We can play at home

but stepping onto a strange ground in a different country shows what stage we've reached and what the players can do.

"The difference between the local scene and internationals is very substantial and if there are any doubts, they will surface in these games."

Blanco will take the Olyroos through a series of tests at the AIS to compare their condition and reflexes with teams of previous years.

One of his major concerns is the off-season break of up to five months for local players compared with six weeks for the 15 overseas-based members.

"At this stage I have a fair idea which players will form the basis of the Olympic team but there could be changes over the next 15 months from injuries and loss of form," he said.

"I don't see every player every day and I need to find out who will be able to go all the way and those who will falter under pressure."

The second week of the camp will be held at the NSW Soccer Federation headquarters at Parklea, and will run from June 6 to 14.

the full squad:

Danny Milosevic (Perth), Joe Didulica (Knights), Simon Colisimo (Carlton), Buddy Farah (Marconi), Con Blatsis (South Melbourne), Ivan Zelic (Canberra Cosmos), Kasey Wehrman (Brisbane Strikers), Nick Sabljak (Adelaide City), Steve Laybutt (Brisbane Strikers), Dragi Nasteovski (Melbourne Knights), Michael Garcia (Perth Glory), Marco Bresciano (Carlton), Michael Curcija (South Melbourne), Mile Sterjovski (Sydney United), Clayton Zane (Northern Spirit), Nick Carle (Sydney Olympic), Brett Emerton (Olympic), Jacob Burns (Sydney United), Jason Culina (Olympic), Zeljko Susa (Knights).

Carlton to lose Simon to Greece

By Paul Millar

TWO OF the biggest clubs in Greece are battling to sign Australian Olympic soccer star Simon Colosimo.

The 20-year-old defender has just returned from a brief visit to Greece where he was the guest of Panathinaikos but Olympiakos is also keen to buy him.

The Olyroo star told *Inside Soccer* the Panathinaikos coaching staff had seen him in action and wanted to negotiate a contract and it was now up to his manager and the club to see if they could agree terms.

"They are doing a big clean-out there at the end of the season and they want to bring in some young players to rebuild the team," Colosimo said.

Colosimo said he had been invited to the club as a guest but talk soon turned to contracts with Panathinaikos making noises about signing him and then Olympiakos made its intentions known.

However, he will not be rushed and is also investigating offers from England and Belgium.

"There are quite a few other things in the pipeline we'll just wait and see," he said.

Carlton general manager Lou Sticca said his club had a good working relationship with Panathinaikos after transferring Andy Vlahos there earlier this year.

"We have opened fruitful dialogue with Panathinaikos, Colosimo did go there as a guest of the club to check out the facilities at a big European club," Sticca said.

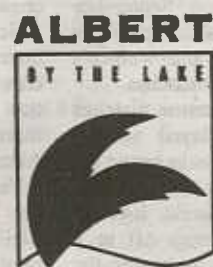
A Greek Cup finalist, Panathinaikos will play in the UEFA cup next season while Olympiakos won the league championship a fortnight ago.

Sticca said there had been no official approach from either club yet.

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The countdown is now on to the Sydney Olympics with SOCOG officials looking to soccer to play a part in a

Melbourne Kick Off

By Paul Millar

SYDNEY Games organisers are confident that world soccer's governing body FIFA will permit the Olyroos to play their first match of the 2000 Olympics here before a packed house at the MCG, two days before the opening ceremony.

The Olympic soccer tournament will kick off in the four interstate venues of Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra on September 13, with gala ceremonies and men's and women's preliminary matches.

All Melbourne matches will be played at the MCG, the main venue for the 1956 Games, and SOCOG would love to get the Games off to a flying start by having the Australian men's team play its opening game there.

FIFA must give its approval to the official schedule, with the full draw to be made in May

next year.

SOCOG has also asked for world and Olympic women's champions the United States to begin their campaign at the MCG in the first match on September 13.

"It's not definite yet and we will not know until November, but we are confident," SOCOG Events director Trevor Dohnt said.

"I can see no reason why we cannot fill the ground and get a sell-out crowd."

He also expects Melbourne to match the large crowds which attended the Olympic soccer tournament at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Victorian sports minister Tom Reynolds said Melbourne planned to savour its share of the Sydney Olympics.

"You put good sport on in Melbourne and they will turn out in their droves," he said.

"I have a feeling that Olympic fever will take

over ... I think the infectious fever will become an epidemic.

"There are 650,000 seats for the seven sessions of Olympic football, it's going to take some selling and we won't have a sell-out every day but everybody will be able to experience the Olympics."

A study has shown that 12 per cent of Victorians are interested in attending the Olympics, 16 per cent are very interested and 29 per cent are quite interested.

The host nation is traditionally listed as A1 in the draw for team sports.

If that happens at the soccer draw in May, the Olyroos would play their first round-robin match at the MCG, followed by two games at the Sydney Football Stadium.

The Matildas are likely to play their opening round match of the women's tournament at Bruce Stadium in Canberra.

Man United: where fairytales are made for goalkeepers

ASTON Villa's Australian goalkeeper Mark Bosnich is poised to return to Manchester United the club where he began his English football career.

Bosnich, 27, is expected to join the European champions on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling to replace Peter Schmeichel, who is leaving the club.

Bosnich played three first team games for United between 1989 and 1991 before being forced to return to Australia to renew his work permit.

But the Aussie international, who returned to the country because he married an Englishwoman, signed a two-year contract with Villa in 1992 even though United thought it had an agreement with him to return to Old Trafford.

Old Trafford chief executive Martin Edwards has admitted that a deal for Bosnich is imminent

after much speculation throughout the season.

"I think things will evolve fairly quickly," Edwards said.

"Nothing has happened as of yet. It could happen in the next few days."

Dutch international Edwin van der Saar opted to join Italian club Juventus, after reportedly being courted by United, leaving Bosnich as the number one choice.

The return of Bosnich to Old Trafford would surprise many after manager Alex Ferguson's disappointment over his decision to join Villa seven years ago.

Villa manager John Gregory admitted as early as November last year that Bosnich would be leaving the club in the summer but his situation has remained unresolved throughout the campaign.

And after months on the sidelines through a shoulder injury and illness, Gregory finally lost patience with Bos-

nich and dropped him from the squad for the trip to Old Trafford in April.

Gregory even refused to let the Australian travel on the team coach for the United match after being angered at his refusal to follow the example of Liverpool's Steve McManaman who signed a pre-contract agreement with Real Madrid earlier in the season in making up his mind over where his future lay before the end of the campaign.

And while Bosnich is set to join United in controversial circumstances his likely predecessor is leaving on a positive high.

Goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel's last ever match for Manchester United encapsulated his season - a shaky start ending in a blaze of glory.

Schmeichel, 35, United's skipper for the European Cup final

against Bayern Munich in the absence of the suspended Roy Keane, was a picture of abject misery after Bayern took the lead in the sixth minute with a direct free-kick from Mario Basler.

But after a nervous start in which his kicking was inaccurate and in which he had some lapses of concentration, Schmeichel made several important saves to keep his side in the match.

Schmeichel said he had almost given up on United winning the "fairy tale" treble before Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer incredible injury-time goals.

"Not even Hans Christian Andersen could have written a fairy tale like that," said the Danish keeper who is leaving United after eight years and 398 appearances at Old Trafford.

Mark Bosnich will now see if he can resurrect his own United fairy tale.

Ferguson carries the torch of dynasty

By Timothy Collings in Barcelona

THEIR triumphs may be separated by three decades and a professional revolution in the sport but Matt Busby and Alex Ferguson are now entwined by far more than the thread of European Cup successes which they brought to Manchester United.

Both were born in Scotland, moved to England to gain worldwide international recognition, spoke with honesty and freedom when they wanted, set ferocious levels of commitment and desire and never wavered from a shared dream of bringing the most treasured trophy in European club soccer back to Old Trafford.

And both, according to a man who was part of the two tumultuous and victorious occasions in 1968 and 1999, understood the sense of style and destiny which drove their teams to hard-earned and dramatic successes.

In short, according to

Jim Ryan, both Busby and Ferguson have embodied the values of a dynasty started in the 1950s when Busby embarked with the first United team into Europe, always placing the onus on attacking play, flair and heart.

Ryan was George Best's deputy, played in the quarter-finals of United's run to the 1968 final, was a member of their Wembley final squad against Benfica and is now a senior coach on the United staff.

He said Wednesday's 2-1 win over Bayern Munich was the culmination, for Ferguson, of years of Busby-like toil and dedication.

Ryan, 54, a Scot like the two managers, has shared dressing-rooms with both men - as a player under Busby and as a coach under Ferguson.

He was also the only man in Barcelona on the United staff, apart from director and 1968 hero Bobby Charlton, to have won a European Cup medal with the club 31

years before.

"I think the one thing that you could really say that they have in common is that they could both see a big picture, a big goal, and that they were single-minded in aiming for it.

"Busby took the European Cup without the English FA's blessing in the first place and eventually, having come through the Munich air tragedy in 1958, came out and won it.

"I think there is a real parallel with our manager now, in as much as he looked at that prize when he came here and he has worked to get it.

"He has had his own setbacks and problems along the way too but he has done it.

"He never wavered.

"In the end he did the same thing.

"He refused to give up. And they have played the same kind of way, the same kind of football.

"The only thing, perhaps, that you could say is that the game now is far more tactical than it was then - in my day or



Matt Busby's day... "Matt was very quiet, spoke quietly and softly, but underneath he had the same drive.

"They both had it.

"They had the same vision too ... Alex is not quiet like Matt was but they had the same

objective and the same sense of style in mind.

"Both wanted to see the team playing really nice football but also working very hard.

"You could tell, we on the staff here could tell, that Fergie wanted to win

it.

"He wanted to win the first thing, then the next.

"He was on the road.

"He wanted to go up the ladder and do it all.

"The world club championship will be next.

"It took him a long time

to win the title, you remember, and it was not easy in those early years for Alex at Old Trafford.

"But he has worked through it all, just like Matt Busby did.

"They both had the same ideals and the same ambitions for the club."

Pele offside with CBF

PELE, who spearheaded Brazil's World Cup victories in 1958 and 1970, has said he would not support his country's bid to host the 2006 World Cup.

"The Brazil bid for 2006 is a complete waste of money," said Pele, adding that Brazil would not be ready to host the tournament for another 10 years.

"The country might have been a candidate for the World Cup a few years ago when the economy was stable but it is not prepared for it now. If they asked me to help the bid I would refuse.

"I don't want to participate in any group trying to get the vote for 2006. Their intention is to get some money but not do a great deal of work for it.

"Brazil does not have one stadium that could host a World Cup match.

The Maracana is in a terrible state and you would have to spend billions of dollars to make the stadiums ready. It would be a total waste of money.

"I think Brazil's bid is a lost cause and I will not be associated with it."

Pele is the second member of the 1970 World Cup-winning team to publicly declare his opposition to the bid.

Tostao, who played alongside Pele in the 4-1 win over Italy in the 1970 final, said last month he would not support the bid. Pele, who has long been at loggerheads with Brazilian Football Association (CBF) officials in both a personal and professional capacity, said that he thought Africa deserved to host the World Cup in seven years' time.

That was FIFA's think-

ing too, he said, but it was far from certain that an African country could host a 32-team tournament.

Five countries - Brazil, England, Germany, Morocco and South Africa - are still bidding to stage the finals. FIFA's Executive Committee will decide on the venue next March.

"I have the perfect solution," he half-joked, "why don't England and Germany co-host it like South Korea and Japan, I think that would be the answer."

Pele also said he was concerned at the proliferation of tournaments around the world and that far too many meaningless, second-rate competitions were being played.

"I have spoken to FIFA president Sepp Blatter about this and I am very



encouraged by what he says. I think Mr Blatter has brought a long-overdue air of democracy to FIFA since he replaced Joao Havelange as president a year ago and is far more receptive to ideas. I thank him for that, it never worked like this under Havelange."

But Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) president Ricardo Teixeira has hit back, slamming the Brazilian soccer legend for voicing his opposition to Brazil's World Cup bid.

In a statement issued by the CBF Teixeira said that he found it surprising

that a Brazilian sports star should act as a spokesperson against the interests of his country.

"The president of the CBF, Ricardo Teixeira, deplores and is surprised by the declarations of Mr Edson Arantes do Nascimento (Pele's full name) against Brazil's candidacy," added the statement.

Teixeira said the CBF has received the support of Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Sports Minister Rafael Greca and state governors and that six years was sufficient to carry out the necessary work.

Aussies on the move in Europe

OLYROO Chris Coyne has been awarded a one-year contract extension by West Ham United.

Wolverhampton Wanderers' bid to sign Steve Horvat is under threat.

Hajduk Split has asked £200,000 for the Soccerero defender.

Danny Allsop has agreed to a new two-year deal with Division One hopefuls, Manchester City.

Goalkeeper Frank Juric has signed a lucrative three year deal with top Bundesliga Club Bayer Leverkusen ... the move sees Juric transfer from current club, 2nd Division Fortuna Dusseldorf and will see the young Australian in next season's European Champions League.

After a failed attempt earlier this season, Scottish Premier League Club Dundee United will attempt to sign Australian-born Greek midfielder Mike Panopoulos from Aris Salonika in the close-season.

Reading defender Andrew Bernal has been

linked with a move to Division One outfit, Swindon Town.

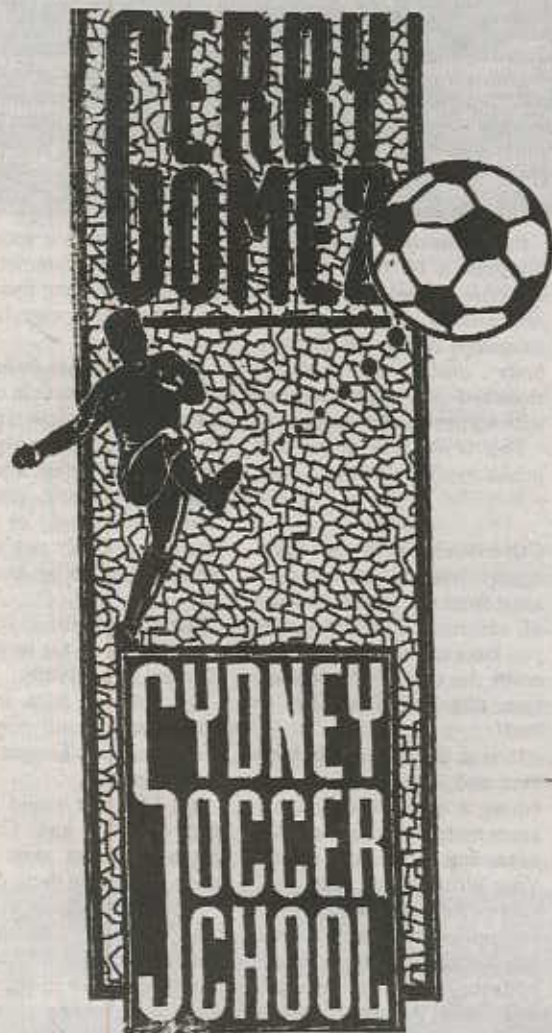
1860 Munich coach Werner Lorant has earmarked Ulm striker David Zdrilic as a transfer target.

Three out-of-contract players who have not been offered new deals by their respective Clubs are goalkeepers Tynan Scope (Coventry City) and Damien Beattie (Notts County), and striker David Seal (Northampton Town).

And in disciplinary news ... Andy Petterson will serve a one-match ban at the start of the 1999/2000 English season after his red-card offence against Aston Villa on May 8.

In the S-League, former Sydney United and Johor (Malaysia) defender Mirko Jurilj was fined \$500 (Singaporean) by Jurong FC following his sending-off against Clementi Khalsa on May 14. Hamburg defender Josip Simunic has returned to Australia for foot surgery.

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Celtic's controversial Australian striker Mark Viduka was missing as his side went down 1-0 to arch rivals Rangers in the Scottish Cup final last Saturday.

Viduka was dismissed at Dunfermline for spitting earlier this month and his shin injury saw him miss an historic match-up against fellow Australian and Glasgow Rangers defender Tony Vidmar.

After earlier clearance problems from Croatia, Viduka finally settled into Celtic and quickly found scoring touch with a series of goals.

Rangers, four weeks after they clinched the Scottish Premier League title on their bitter city rivals' ground, completed a domestic treble by beating Celtic again in the Cup final.

"We could be on the verge of a very successful chapter in Rangers' history," said 24-year-old Dutchman Giovanni Van Bronckhorst the ex-Feyenoord player.

"This is my greatest ever season.

"To win the treble in your first season with a club is something which makes me very proud."

With Viduka missing the match with injury and Craig Moore not listed in Rangers team the other part of the Aussie Old Firm, former Adelaide City defender Tony Vidmar,

has hailed Rangers manager Dick Advocaat for refreshing the technical aspects of his game he claims former Ibrox boss Walter Smith could not reach.

The Australian defender took his place in the Scottish Cup final after an urgent revision session in footballing essentials under Advocaat.

Without an injury to £5million Dutch international Arthur Numan, Vidmar admits he might have quit Rangers for first team football elsewhere, but clearly he is relieved to have stayed.

Vidmar believes coaching sessions with Advocaat have been a footballing education with the continental approach adding to his game what was missing, and even declining, under now Everton manager Smith's charge.

"I never really had a full season under Walter Smith as it was a time when I was away with the Australian national side, but this year the difference has been the tactics especially," Vidmar said.

"Before I tended to get into bad habits and when someone's not watching out for that you tend to continue and think nothing's wrong.

"This year I've had my eyes open again.

"The manager Dick Advocaat watches videos of the other teams every week and

analyses their strengths and weaknesses and relays that back to the team.

"But even on the training field basic things like passing and positioning yourself have helped me a lot because I had that before when I was in Holland with Breda.

"I understood the technical side of the game and it was something which came back to me very quickly this season.

"I have been a better player for it."

Vidmar feels he is one of a series of players, among them Barry Ferguson and Jonatan Johansson, who have benefited from the change, but goes as far as to suggest every Ibrox man's game has been sharpened.

He added: "I think I have learnt more from Dick Advocaat than I did before and there are others too, a whole series of players not featuring under Walter Smith, but I think even the senior players have learnt from the new manager.

"If you analyse it from the start of the season to now I think a lot of players have improved as a result of the continental approach, it's a different footballing mentality.

"I think the Old Firm game now has a European feel to it.

"You can see from both sides that everything isn't 100

miles an hour, but when you play each other you cannot stroll through a match."

Vidmar's reward for revitalising his game has been a season to remember, though he finds it difficult not to recall his thoughts on the eve of the campaign, when his departure seemed probable.

He explained: "When you start pre-season you get a picture of what the team set-up will be and with Arthur Numan coming in, a quality player, you don't expect him to be sitting on the bench so I knew it was going to be difficult.

"When he got injured though I took my chance and there was no looking back and I don't intend to look back.

"I did fear at one stage the opportunity wouldn't come, it's a situation when you just want to play every week and you think at the back of your mind should I move, should I look elsewhere.

"But I just persevered, I think that's my mentality to keep working hard and the manager has rewarded me for that.

"Personally I don't think I could have wished for anything better this season with three winners' medals already in the League Cup, the Championship and now the Scottish Cup.

"It has been fantastic."

Night of nights at the Hilton

THE National Soccer League will hold its annual awards night at a lavish function at the Sydney Hilton on 11 June 1999. The invited guest list represents a who's who from the world of soccer including media, administrators, players and officials.

NOMINATIONS for the 1999 awards are:

PLAYERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Warren Medal
Cory Boutsianis (Perth Glory)
Pablo Cardozo (Sydney Olympic)
Brad Maloney (Marconi Fairfield)
Mile Sterjovski (Sydney United)
Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)

UNDER-21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Papasavas Medal
Simon Colosimo (Carlton)
Joel Griffiths (Sydney United)
Mile Sterjovski (Sydney United)
Zeljko Susa (Melbourne Knights)

COACH OF THE YEAR
Graham Arnold (Northern Spirit)
David Mitchell (Sydney United)
Ange Postecoglou (South Melbourne)
Bernd Stange (Perth Glory)

GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR
Bob Catlin (Newcastle Breakers)
Paul Henderson (Northern Spirit)
Jason Petkovic (Adelaide City)
Michael Petkovic (South Melbourne)

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The ABC

OK, so maybe the ABC have a bit of sorting out to do but I think the live coverage is quite watchable and I don't see what the problem is with a few statistics being flashed up here and there, all other sports broadcasts do it.

Your idea of an extended highlights/panel show at a reasonable hour on a Monday or Tuesday is a better suggestion. In fact this is almost what has been happening during the Top 6 play-offs.

Why can't it continue?

Even an SBS style Friday night preview show wouldn't go astray.

I think the most constructive thing to do is if you (*Inside Soccer*) can publish a name, address and e-mail of the head of sport at the ABC and at CH 7 (I'm dying to give them an earful) and we can offer all our suggestions and petitions to them directly.

A Rogers
Harbord NSW

PS: I read in my local paper (Manly Daily) that Alan Hunter is playing with the Warringah Dolphins in the State Div One.

(Maybe Alan will see a few more 'world class saves' - just joking.

But seriously, I have probably gone a bit OTT with my criticism of the ABC. It isn't professional to orchestrate a campaign against a sporting body and I've probably stretched my ethics already with my previous comments.

That is the beast in me and occasionally it gets out. - Ed.

Serials

CONGRATS on the last issue, again it was a pleasure to read, apart from the over abundance of advertisements. Of course you have to sell advertising to cover the cost of the publication, that isn't a problem in itself.

It is a bit frustrating however and dare I say it even boring at times, when you can have multiple adds on most pages and again leave out the Your Writes letters page.

Also there has been no follow up to Stuart Bell's *Football Rocks The Net* column.

Maybe now that the excellent Ottie Abonyi, six part interview is finished. Congratulations to Greg Stock by the way for this excellent series. Now that it has come to an end though, maybe you could give Stuart Bell a chance to carry on with his Internet study.

As one who is a soccer fan who uses the Internet regularly, I was looking forward to see where he was heading with it.

Any chance that *Inside Soccer* could do an article or even a series of interview type articles like the previously mentioned Ottie Abonyi interview, with such Aussie greats as Craig Johnstone or Tony Dorigo, probably not considered by many to be Aussies at all.

Dorigo was vilified for turning his back on Oz to play for England in the 1980s.

But he was born in Melbourne and is still playing in the Premier League with Derby County.

But I for one would love to see what he and Craig, a player from an even earlier period are doing these days.

Danny Stapleton
Cooma, NSW

(It's funny isn't it, Joe Marston played for England Selects and no-one thought it other than brilliant.

Tony Dorigo who learned his soccer, and was born here, isn't an Aussie yet migrants who just played for Australia are full-blown Aussies.

Och well, it's a funny old world. - Ed.)



Bruce Campbell

IT'S ONLY AN OPINION

WE MAY as well stick to Grand Final fever for this last IT'S ONLY AN OPINION of the 1998/99 NSL season.

The Grand Final is a special occasion in Australian soccer giving, as it does, something of a combination between Cup final and league championship.

It is the accepted Australian way and the general crowds in the current series have vindicated soccer's continuation of the concept.

There will always be those within our game who prefer the European tradition of first past the post.

That is an argument which will go on forever – and it certainly gives a bit of spice to soccer talk.

But it isn't really possible to totally create the European model because we just don't have the incentives to make our league placings as important.

In European leagues there are battles going on within the league format because there are other rewards for teams which finish in anything but the pole position.

Qualification for European tournaments make every post a winner for the majority of clubs for the majority of the season.

And then there is the haunting spectre of relegation for the teams at the other end of the league.



The Grand Final: is it time to change the system of awarding host city status?

We can't match that so our current system seems to be the best option.

And in a rarity of continuity in soccer we have even had the present system in operation since 1984 and a full blown Top Six for the most part of this decade.

In all that time, and including the previous Finals Cup, the games have been played in Sydney or Melbourne with the exception of one game apiece in Canberra, Penrith and two in Adelaide and Brisbane.

The system currently in use sees the team from the top two league placed clubs which qualifies first for the Grand Final have the right of host city.

Two seasons ago Brisbane was a rare exception but then the organisers must have worked exceptionally hard to attract that fabulous crowd and I am sure that they would have appreciated an extra two or three weeks.

Then there is the question of cost for the travelling fans who have to pay premium price for airline tickets because they cannot advance book.

On the face of it that seems fair but it is a potential nightmare.

In some cases it is an actual, nightmare.

No-one knows exactly which city the big game will be played in until two weeks before the Grand Final (unless two clubs from the same city finish first and second in the league) and fans of the second qualifying club have to wait until the last week to make their travel arrangements.

Likewise, Soccer Australia has to pre-book several different possible venue options and then only has two weeks to put the final touches to the big day.

That is a joke in this day and age when patrons and sponsors are ever demanding.

No sporting organisation in this country is capable of organising a truly successful Grand Final in just two weeks.

Next season Auckland Kings will enter Australia's National Soccer League. If they make it to the Grand Final first then the big day will be held in New Zealand.

I don't believe that that would be acceptable to the vast majority of Australian soccer fans – not even those who have applauded the entry of the Kiwis.

Ditto, hotels.

The answer?

Well it seems just a bit too naive and far too obvious but why can't the host city be decided a year in advance?

The system has to change anyway because it is a recipe for financial disaster.

Without being disrespectful to our country cousins, and I know that I will get a few calls and letters for just suggesting this, but would anybody really want the Grand Final to be played in Morwell or Newcastle just because those clubs were successful on the park?

Under the present set-up the ONLY criteria is success on the pitch.

Instead, wouldn't it be better for Soccer Australia to invite promoters to bid for the event.

That way the clubs and administration would be guaranteed a minimum return no matter what happened on the day.

As I have just said it all seems a bit too easy but then many of the very best ideas are just that.

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But introduce a system of franchise venues and your mind can start to wander down through a dream road of fantasy football.

Grand Final parties, special events, bumper programme productions – all sorts of goodies for the fan.

Of course, the stranglehold of Sydney and Melbourne as a finals host city could well be broken but then nobody would lose out because it would be on a principle of the biggest and best bidder winning.

Sounds almost too smart, doesn't it?

I might speak to Stefan Kamasz over the next week or so and find out what the NSL General manager thinks

IN THE meantime, my thanks to everybody who has made this such a memorable season at Australia's number one soccer publication.

I also thank our many readers who have given us such fantastic support.

It is sometimes very difficult to produce a quality weekly in this game and at the same time listen to the many suggestions which come your way with a receptive ear.

I have tried hard to be open and hope that many of the suggestions given will make this a better paper next season.

In the meantime we will continue our coverage of the greatest game on earth and look forward to the start of the next NSL season with relish.

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ASICS BIG MATCH UPDATE: 1999 NSL GRAND FINAL

SUPERSUB

by Alan Clark

SOUTH Melbourne achieved back-to-back Championships, coming from behind to win 3-2 over Sydney United at Melbourne's Olympic Park on Sunday.

With the win comes the considerable prize of becoming Australia's representative in the Oceania qualifiers for the inaugural FIFA World Clubs' Cup.

This showdown meeting of South Melbourne and Sydney United in the 1999 Championship game was an appropriate one.

In their meetings in the home-and-away phase of the season both had managed a 1-0 home win.

Over two legs in their Finals Series meeting, South had narrowly won 2-1.

It would not have been a travesty had Sydney United won that contest - the margin of difference between the two was negligible.

These sides had been in a class of their own throughout the year, and no other team had realistically looked capable of challenging their hegemony.

United took an early lead in the Grand Final from an eighth minute header from Olyroo Mile Sterjovski converting the Pumas' first corner ably taken by Michael Santalab.

There was the possibility, given the tight nature of the teams' previous four meetings,

that this goal might just be enough, and that the remaining 82 minutes might be tight and dour.

But this was to underestimate both teams' desire to land the knock-out blow.

United peppered the South goal, winning a series of corners, each one with the potential to stretch the lead.

There were hard-fought battles in all positions on the park, with the type of tackling and refusal to concede ground expected in the season's ultimate match.

At times, it threatened to boil over - one such moment came just before the end of the first period when a tackle on Steve Panopoulos by David Barrett left the diminutive South midfielder on the ground, only to be hit by the ball deliberately struck at him after the foul was awarded.

This provoked angry scenes

South Melbourne veteran nabs two in second half comeback at Olympic Park



Paul Trimboli: the South Melbourne skipper scored his side's second goal in Sunday's Grand Final win over Sydney United

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and the involvement of players of both sides and their respective benches before order was restored.

Three players - Barrett, Paul Trimboli, and Nathan Day - found themselves booked for the incident.

Speaking of the incident later, Trimboli said: "It's a big occasion, and there's a lot of tension."

"People are pretty fired-up."

"I just thought there was a cheap shot there by one of their players, and I don't think that's necessary."

Sydney United had made most of the running in the first half, aided by a handy wind, but it was in the early moments of the second half that the balance tipped South Melbourne's way.

It was captain Trimboli who made the breakthrough, scoring eight minutes into that half, with a header from a corner swung in from Goran Lozanovski, and which got by Santalab at the near-post.

Describing the game-turning goal, Trimboli said: "Lozza whips a pretty mean ball in, and United weren't putting anyone in that spot just at the front, and I knew that if it dipped, then I'd been a pretty good chance to score there."

"I thought a couple before that might come to me, but then that one came to me and I just closed my eyes and hoped for the best!"

United coach David

Mitchell understood the significance of the South goal.

"(Trimboli's) goal really lifted them. If we had kept them out, I think we would have been alright."

Both coaches stated that the strong wind which was favouring the river end made it hard to defend and clear that end.

Mitchell said: "The wind was very strong. It picked up and pinned us in (in the second half)."

"Every time we kicked the ball it was just coming back."

"It was difficult to play, and that added more pressure because (South) are very good with the long throw and the free-kicks."

"Echoing Mitchell's assessment of the influence of the wind, South coach Ange Postecoglou said: "I felt the wind was going to play a huge part."

NSL GRAND FINAL

Sunday 30 May 1999, Olympic Park (Melbourne)

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3
Trimboli (53)
Anastasiadis (63, 87)

SYDNEY UNITED 2
Sterjovski (8),
Townsend (90)

THE LINE-UPS:

South Melbourne: Michael Petkovic, Steve Iosifidis, Con Blatsis, Nick Orlic, Fausto De Amicis, Goran Lozanovski (Jim Tsekinis 81), David Clarkson, Steve Panopoulos, Paul Trimboli (c) (George Goutzioulis 68), Michael Curcija (John Anastasiadis 63), Vaughan Coveny. Subs not used: Robert Liparoti, Chris Jones.

Sydney United: Mike Gibson, Richard Plesa, Joe Vrkic, Velimir Kupresak (c), Michael Santalab (Danny Townsend 68), Steve Berry, Jacob Burns (Walter Ardone 88), David Barrett, Peter Bennett, Mike Sterjovski, Nathan Day (Joel Griffiths 64). Subs not used: Ante Moric, Barney Smith.

Yellow Cards:

South Melbourne: De Amicis (45+), Lozanovski (54), Orlic (59), Goutzioulis (73).

Sydney United: Santalab (20), Barrett (45), Day (45+), Plesa (62).

Referee:

Simon Micallef

Assistant Referees:

John Bowdler and Carlo Graser

Fourth Official: Mark Shield

Inspector: Roger Lamb

Crowd: 15,194

MOTM: Goran Lozanovski



"I was noticing their free-kicks and corners and they were causing us all sorts of problems because the wind has a bite to it."

"Our clearances weren't clearing our lines and their clearances were putting us under pressure."

moment straight from a Boys' Own Annual.

John Anastasiadis, warming the bench for the first hour, was introduced as a swap up front for South's Olyroo Michael Curcija.

Anastasiadis had been on

the park for fewer seconds than his shirt-number, finding himself in exactly the right place to batter home a ball after a David Clarkson-Lozanovski double act free-kick on the left had lofted the ball for Nick Orlic to head into Anastasiadis' path.

"It was so dangerous on these free-kicks, the way the wind was bending them in - it was very difficult," a disappointed Mitchell said.

Anastasiadis confirmed his status as super-sub, netting his second, and South's third with just three minutes remaining. Clarkson and Jim Tsekenis had made ground up the right and sent in another cross, clearing Vaughan Coveny but falling perfectly for Anastasiadis to head home spectacularly.

Speaking of the substitution, Postecoglou said:

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GORAN LOZANOVSKI
South Melbourne

"I knew all those things would turn in the second half, so it was just a matter of resisting (in the first half)."

After 63 minutes came a

"We've got quality players on the bench, like John, George Goutzioulis, Jim Tsekenis - Jason Polak and Robert Liparoti didn't even get on the pitch today, and I'd suggest they'd probably play in most other teams."

"That's what's got us to the Final, and in the Final that was the difference between the two teams."

Anastasiadis described the goal as coming from the training-ground: "I don't score many with my head."

"Vaughan Coveny was in front of me taking the near post and I was on the back post, and that's basically what we've been training at."

This was a signal for the celebrations to begin from the South Melbourne massed support, who could scarcely have believed the change of fortunes after conceding the early goal.

Into stoppage time, Danny Townsend scored for Sydney United in a scramble which tightened the contest, but referee Simon Micallef's whistle came too soon for Pumas' efforts to draw other than small consolation.

"We showed today we could play good football," Mitchell said.

"I couldn't praise the boys highly enough. All the players played with heart and commitment."

"The next couple of weeks we're just going to take stock, and approach all the players and see where we find ourselves."

THE BIG MATCH STATS

GRAND FINAL MATCH STAR RATING: *****

QUITE probably the best Grand Final seen in many years. A game of see-sawing fortunes, South Melbourne turned on the style in the second half but there was plenty of fine action, spills and thrills - plus five goals - to send most fans away delirious.

Referee Simon Micallef was outstanding and his cool and consistent handling of the players kept a game in which there was always plenty of tension flowing.

CORNERS

14 South Melbourne

9 Sydney United

GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITIES

	ON TARGET	OFF TARGET
SYDNEY UNITED	2	7
Peter Bennett	0	1
Steve Berry	0	2
Jacob Burns	0	1
Nathan Day	0	1
Mike Sterjovski	1	2
Danny Townsend	1	0
SOUTH MELBOURNE	11	8
John Anastasiadis	2	1
Con Blatsis	1	0
Vaughan Coveny	2	3
Michael Curcija	0	1
Nick Orlic	3	0
Goran Lozanovski	2	2
Steve Panopoulos	0	1
Paul Trimboli	1	0

THE goal scoring opportunities tell the story of the match. Despite United's early dominance they failed to pack a punch where it counts the most. Only two direct scoring opportunities, including headers and shots, in the entire game - yet they were both goals.

On the other hand South Melbourne mounted a barrage of opportunities in the second half which led to their victory.

Sydney United remain the only team to ever score two goals in a Championship decider and still end up on the losing side, repeating their 1988 loss to Marconi when they went down on

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ASICS BIG MATCH UPDATE: 1999 NSL GRAND FINAL**United vow to fight on**

CASH-starved Ericsson Cup Grand Finalist Sydney United has refused to go cap in hand to Soccer Australia to secure its future in the NSL next season.

New president Marko Franovic said his club was here to stay and would meet all the criteria set down by the ruling body.

He admitted that some players were still owed up to \$7,000 in back payments but assured they would be paid and all debts settled.

"I can assure you there are no ifs or buts, we will be playing in this competition next season, I know we will be in the league," Franovic said.

SA will study applications from all current and prospective clubs to determine if they are viable propositions to retain them in the league.

There was doubt earlier this season whether United would even see the year out and at one stage the club was placed in the hands of an administrator. The Pumas have beaten all the odds to make the Grand Final but the feeling is that the players will leave the club regardless of Sunday's result.

Coach David Mitchell, who is line for the national coaching job, has so far refused to commit to another season and has admitted that several players had received approaches to join other clubs.



Coach Dave Mitchell: he spoke emotionally after the Grand Final about keeping his players together as a squad

But Franovic is adamant that United will retain its squad.

"We will hang on to every one of them," Franovic said.

"It's a new committee running the club, we have a new injection of money, we are marketing all the way and we are absolutely confident we

can make it work."

He also defended the crowds that have watched United at Edensor Park this year saying United was the third best supported side in the competition.

"Apart from Perth Glory and Northern Spirit we are third, the crowds are building, we

are about the same as South Melbourne," he said.

However, NSL statistics show that United has the seventh best home support in the league with an average crowd more than 10,000 behind Perth's home average of 14,725.

IN HINDSIGHT

what they said BEFORE the Grand Final

SOUTH MELBOURNE COACH coach Ang Postecoglou

"We'll be there again next year. In any sporting code it's hard to back up, we've had our problems this year with injuries and all sorts of things and the players handled it all very, very well. We started the year wanting to win the minor premiership and wanting to get into the Grand Final and win that. We thought we had the team to do that and failed in our attempt to win the league which was disappointing ... this Grand Final gives us a chance to atone for that. The season has come down to one final game. With the prospect of winning back-to-back championships and creating club history, I'm sure the players won't let this opportunity slip without a fight."

OLYMPIC PARK'S Gareth Jones

"Our pitch is in pristine condition and I would be surprised if it is not the best in the country right now."

ANG POSTECOGLOU on the accident involving David Clarkson's daughters Elodie and Brooke

"When it happened all our thoughts were with him and we just hope everything turns out well, it seems to be going that way and he's been training. We don't talk about it. He's (Clarkson) handling the situation, he'll play."

SYDNEY UNITED COACH Davie Mitchell

"I think the club are determined to stay in the league and that's all credit to the players because if we had not performed to such a standard and got in the Top Six or even got in the final it would have been hard for the club to survive. If we are fortunate enough to win it on Sunday then that would be a big bonus for the club. For what the club's gone through without any money the team has achieved a tremendous result this year and reaching the Grand Final has been a big bonus but we can go that one step further and win it for the club that's never won it before. It will be difficult for us as the away team and South Melbourne will have the edge with the majority of the crowd. No one gave us a chance this season and I'm very proud of what the team has achieved."

UNITED VETERAN Velimir Kupresak

"This is a different team to that which lost the Grand Final to Brisbane two years ago. I think this team will go all the way."



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Harris misses out on annual clash

by Derek Royal
and Bruce Campbell

THE annual bout between ACT and Illawarra kicks off on the Queen's Birthday Weekend and while most punters have their money on the lads from the 'nation's capital', Rockets' coach Ian Heywood isn't getting too carried away with his team's prospects.

"Illawarra are always very physical and they're always a hard nut to crack," he said.

"The Illawarra league is a very strong league so they will be very difficult to beat - especially on their home track.

"They also have a superior record to us in this fixture."

Despite that, by the time the Rockets take the field on June 14, they will have enjoyed an impeccable preparation.

Heywood's side has already secured a nil-all draw and 2-0 victory against a South Korean club side and tomorrow, the Rockets will engage the Olyroos in a plum hit-out at the Australian Institute of Sport.

They also disposed of their Illawarra counterparts 3-0 in



Ben Harris: overlooked for representative clash in major squad omission

last year's clash at Canberra.

Heywood is looking at star

midfielders Jimmy Baxter and Geoff Howarth to dominate against Illawarra and he's confident every player will be primed for a big game.

"We place a big emphasis on all the fixtures we play but we do rate this fixture very highly," he said.

"I'm also very pleased with my squad and we've got a lot of talented players coming through - so we're ready to play."

But while the Rockets have enjoyed a good preparation, the same cannot be said of their opponents.

The Illawarra side as only announced last Friday and coach Phil Carr will have a

berra Cosmos custodian expressed his surprise.

"They must have some good keepers down there because Ben Harris is a fairly useful keeper."

Harris expressed his interest in playing in the fixture and has maybe missed out because he is classed as a non-resident.

Illawarra soccer has been rocked by the recent court case involving White Eagles and the ISA over an outdated rule which prohibits more than four players from out of the region playing in a club side.

However, White Eagles successfully challenged that rule after first taking their case to

big part in ACT soccer and is

feeling frustrated at the lack of local opportunities.

With the possibility that the ACT will enter a side in the proposed new look NSW Summer Competition next year this is a good platform for Heywood to stake his claim.

Conversely there is little interest in the fixture in Illawarra.

"I hope our players don't get picked," one Premier League coach told *Inside Soccer*.

"The fixture is a dead rubber, it has no interest from the public and no-one really cares."

"I would rather that the players rested that weekend

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"They must have some good keepers down there"

job on his hands trying to muster combinations.

However, one concession he does enjoy is that his side is dominated by players from premiership leaders Kembla-warra.

Strikers Joe Coelho and Tony Sekuloski, defender David Cuda, and midfielders Anthony Matthews and Paul Gaffney have all won selection, which should alleviate any familiarity problems.

Carr has also named two key defenders from his club side Northern United in the Illawarra selection - Rodney Hill and Stuart Glass.

Strangely, Port Kembla goalkeeper Ben Harris has been omitted from the Illawarra squad and Heywood, who coached the former Can-

berra Cosmos custodian ex-

pressed his surprise.

They later won a NSWFS Tribunal decision also.

Another class keeper Adrian Thompson has also been omitted although as we were going to press it was thought that he was unavailable.

Harris is a top class keeper with NSL experience and his omission is a major shock.

Coach Phil Carr will come in for plenty of criticism for his selection - particularly if the Rockets get up.

Recently, Ian Heywood parted company with his club of the last two seasons, Monaro, and this fixture represents an even bigger carrot for him to do well.

The former Preston North End professional has played a

and then came back fit for the next ICU Premier League match.

"What is the value in getting players injured in meaningless fixtures?"

Neither the ACTSF nor ISA has issued any press releases for the fixture and the venue has still to be decided.

Despite all of that there is sure to be a lot of interest from the players who do take part and the game will, as always, be well contested in the park.

The curtain raiser to the venue-less fixture will see the Illawarra Youth side take on the ACT youth side.

With so much at stake, the 1999 clash between the two old rivals is sure to live up to expectations.

MARCONI TO SWOOP FOR MORI

by Bruce Campbell

MARCONI are set to spend a whopping half million dollars next season in an attempt to increase the club's profile and gate attendances.

While club officials are reluctant to name Northern Spirit's huge box-office success as the catalyst behind

they move they are nevertheless determined to re-establish the west Sydney club as the number one drawcard in the leading city.

But while the club has ambitions off the park it is also set to launch a major recruiting drive to secure new players after a season which only the most ardent fan would admit

was not a disappointment.

"Getting into the Top Six might have satisfied a few people," *Inside Soccer* was told, "but there are just as many who think that the season was a flop."

"This was not the best NSL of all time and we could only manage to scrape into the play-offs - that just isn't ac-

ceptable at a club like this.

"There have been rumblings in the dressing room as well and there are a lot of players not very happy just now."

Unconfirmed stories emanating from the club indicate that Francis Awaritefe may be on his way out after a dressing room bust-up in Perth when Marconi was eliminated from the finals.

Awaritefe missed the Grand Final three seasons ago in controversial circumstances and rumours flying at Marconi indicate that the enigmatic yet brilliant striker could have played his last season in a Marconi shirt.

It has been suggested that Awaritefe and some other first team players nearly came to blows in Perth after the match.

While he would be sorely missed the man likely to be brought in to replace him would be a big hit with Marconi supporters.

Adelaide City's high scoring striker Damien Mori heads up coach Frank Farina's list of wannabe Marconi players.

And while nobody at the club is confirming the story

the word is that the Mori deal is almost done.

Mori is out of contract at the Zebras and if Marconi are to land him then they will have to open up the cheque book big time.

Should he come to Marconi then he will become the highest paid player in the history of the club and is likely to demand a salary in excess of \$250,000 per year.

That is the kind of money that big stars at other NSL clubs are now on and the man with the midas touch in front of goals is sure to demand no less.

Mori spent an unhappy spell in German football with Borussia Munchengladbach and is reportedly being targeted by two Scottish premier League clubs also.

Marconi are also looking overseas to strengthen their squad which was shown to be threadbare in talent this season when hit by injuries and suspensions.

No-one is underestimating the ability of the Stallions to get back on the road to glory.

They have resources which

other clubs can only dream off but in recent seasons they have lost out on the player chase when it came to the big names.

Several other signings have been flops and Marconi will be keen to re-establish themselves.

"This is a great club," our source told us.

"No-one is happy at being an underdog and it just isn't on."

"It is time that we started to get the kind of success on the field that our kind of investment warrants."

At one stage in the season it was rumoured that coach Frank Farina's job was in jeopardy after a run of poor results.

But the former Socceroo was brought to the club with more than a one season plan in mind.

Now it looks as though the Stallions will realise part two of that plan and there could be other major signings in the offing also.

Number one on Farina's list is the biggest of them all, Damien Mori.



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ASICS BIG MATCH UPDATE: 1999 NSL GRAND FINAL

SOUTH MELBOURNE

JASON PETKOVIC: 6

The South Melbourne keeper had a poor game by his own high standards. Although he wasn't called on too often he was often shaky.

STEVE IOSIFIDIS: 4

A poor game, he was troubled by Day and Sterjovski in particular. Never seemed to settle.

FAUSTO DE AMICIS: 5

Didn't look comfortable in the defensive aspect of the left back role although he certainly came into his game in the second half when he added to the attack. Copped a stupid booking for an altercation with day.

GORAN LOZANOVSKI: 8

Outstanding. He seemed to struggle in the opening stages although he was always involved and twice in the game lost his footing because of his boots - once after he had weaved past three players and looked likely to score. Yet his pin point crosses proved to be the secret weapon in the South armory and United's failure to close him own cost them the match. Tired late in the game but was a deserved winner of the Marston Medal.

JIM TSEKINIS: 5

Had little time or opportunity to really do anything after coming on as a sub.

NICK ORLIC: 7

A 'game of two halves'. He was all at sea in the opening 45 and rarely looked comfortable. Yet in the second half he was dominant in the air

and on ground, always coming forward for the arial barrage provided by Lozanovski and Clarkson crosses. His header led to the second goal.

CON BLATSIS: 6

His long throw-ins played a part in the game although he was often outplayed on South's right flank. Should have stopped Townsend scoring United's second goal.

STEVE PANOPOULOS: 6

Set up what should have been a goal for Coveny with a brilliant cross. Had too many quiet patches although he looked dangerous at times.

DAVID CLARKSON: 8

Brilliant. Buzzed away in the first half even although South were out of it. In the second he was the hub of the team and the real architect behind their win. Started the run which led to the third goal with a defence splitting pass that found Goutzioulis wide on the right.

PAUL TRIMBOLI: 6

Has a quiet game by his own standards although he might just have been overshadowed by Clarkson. In the first half he was tightly marked by Bennett. Also involved in the silly altercation with Day. Nevertheless he worked hard until he was taken off mid way through the second half and played a real skipper's part.

GEORGE GOUTZIOULIS: 6

Only on for twenty five minutes but he had terrific impact with a great cross for Anastasiadis's headed goal.

VAUGHAN COVENY: 6

HOW THEY RATED

- 10: magic
- 9: brilliant
- 8: outstanding
- 7: very good
- 6: good game
- 5: first grade standard
- 4: below standard for first grade



Rarely in enough space to use his electric pace - clearly a United stifling tactic. Had a much better second half when his midfield started to supply quality through balls. Should have scored.

MICHAEL CURCIJA: 4

Rarely in the game and it was no surprise when he was substituted.

JOHN ANASTASIADIS: 7

The perfect super sub. Caused havoc every time he was in possession and scored two fine goals - one off his first touch.

SYDNEY UNITED

MIKE GIBSON: 5

Didn't have a good game at all. Although he wasn't really at fault with the goals he looked unsure throughout the whole game and fumbled too

many balls to inspire his defence. Has a good reflex save to tip away an Orlic header but it fell to Anastasiadis who scored.

RICHARD PLESA: 6

Dominant in the first half and always added to his side's penetration although he was lucky when he was caught out going forward. Committed a bad tackle on Goveny.

DAVE BARRETT: 7

A consistent performer who ended his own season on a high personal note. Always getting down the right flank and good in defence.

VELIMIR KUPRESAK: 7

Made a vital tackle in the second half when Anastasiadis sprung the United off side trap. Used all of his cunning and had a good game at the back.

JOE VRKIC: 6

Had a good solid game and made a significant amount of tackles.

MICHAEL SANTALAB: 6

Brilliant early on and supplied the in-swinging corner which saw United score the first goal. Crosses throughout were excellent although he showed glimpses of inexperience.

DANNY TOWNSEND: 7

Replaced Santalab late in the game to provide an attacking option - and did just that. Ran himself ragged for the entire twenty five minutes he was on and deservedly got his name on the scoresheet with an opportunist's goal.

STEVE BERRY: 7

A top game, he ran and ran and ran. 'Beavered hard in midfield and had a bit of a chance in the first half with a header that could well have gone in had he a second more to time it better.

JACOB BURNS: 6

Worked hard but didn't really get on the end of much. A solid if unspectacular game and was replaced by Walter Ardone.

WALTER ARDONE:

Not on for any length of time.

PETER BENNETT: 6

Hard working game which didn't produce much for him on a personal level. Seldom put a foot wrong and was always willing to do the hard stuff.

NATHAN DAY: 5

Had a poor match and only got into one goal scoring position. He looked constantly aggressive but this wasn't his match. Substituted.

JOEL GRIFFITHS:

Didn't have too much opportunity.

MILE STERJOVSKI: 7

Started like a match winner and his goal was well taken. Had Orlic all at sea in the first half but faded in the second.

REFEREE

SIMON MICALLEF: 9

Only got one call wrong - a corner which was waved away. Brilliant display from Australia's number one whistler. Handled the tough stuff with aplomb and confidence.

ANDREW HOWE'S GRAND FINAL STATISTICS

SYDNEY UNITED

	DOB	GF age	Club App/goals	Career App/Goals
30.	Mike Gibson (gk)	03/01/63	36y 90d 14/0	274/1
2.	David Barrett	02/21/69	30y 98d 46/3	305/12
4.	Velimir Kupresak	09/01/63	35y 271d 226/12	226/12
5.	Richard Plesa	01/08/76	23y 142d 78/4	78/4
6.	Joe Vrkic	08/31/76	22y 272d 62/2	82/2
7.	Jacob Burns	04/02/78	21y 58d 56/5	56/5
8.	Walter Ardone	01/30/72	27y 120d 26/4	127/13
9.	Mike Sterjovski	05/27/79	20y 3d 36/19	38/19
10.	Nathan Day	11/25/73	25y 186d 19/7	86/16
11.	Steve Berry	09/20/68	30y 252d 29/3	29/3
15.	Danny Townsend	04/29/74	25y 31d 25/2	25/2
17.	Michael Santalab	08/25/79	19y 278d 25/2	25/2
19.	Joel Griffiths	08/21/81	17y 282d 27/8	27/8
25.	Ante Moric	04/19/74	25y 41d 111/9	131/12
28.	Peter Bennett	05/29/69	30y 1d 54/2	101/3
20.	Barney Smith (gk)	05/10/78	21y 20d 0/0	3/0



SOUTH MELBOURNE

	DOB	GF age	Club App/goals	Career App/Goals
1.	Michael Petkovic (gk)	07/16/76	22y 318d 104/0	104/0
2.	Steve Iosifidis	12/28/73	25y 153d 72/0	88/0
3.	Fausto DeAmicis	06/26/68	30y 338d 87/0	200/4
4.	Nick Orlic	08/06/70	28y 297d 86/10	150/13
5.	Con Blatsis	07/06/77	21y 328d 71/4	71/4
6.	David Clarkson	02/01/68	31y 118d 75/4	158/14
7.	Steve Panopoulos	06/23/75	23y 341d 127/19	127/19
8.	Vaughan Coveny	12/12/71	27y 169d 113/37	179/56
9.	Paul Trimboli	02/25/69	30y 94d 323/92	345/96
10.	Michael Curcija	06/27/77	21y 337d 89/28	91/28
11.	John Anastasiadis	08/13/68	30y 290d 52/18	74/18
14.	Jason Polak	01/09/68	31y 141d 106/6	212/18
16.	George Goutzioulis	01/18/78	21y 132d 44/2	44/2
17.	Jim Tsekinis	05/08/75	24y 22d 26/1	138/28
18.	Robert Liparoti	04/02/78	21y 58d 25/0	25/0
20.	Chris Jones (gk)	07/10/75	23y 324d 1/0	1/0

HEAD-TO-HEAD: South Melbourne -v- Sydney United

ALL GAMES

Played: 33

Results: Sydney United 16 wins; South Melbourne 12 wins; 5 draws

Goals: Sydney United 43; South Melbourne 42

FINALS SERIES ONLY

Played: 6

Results: South Melbourne 3 wins; Sydney United 2 wins; 1 draw

Goals: South Melbourne 9; Sydney United 7

TEAM RECORDS

ALL GAMES

South Melbourne 646 310 153 183 1021 755

Sydney United 441 204 113 124 638 510

FINALS SERIES ONLY

South Melbourne 36 18 6 13 59 52

Sydney United 26 9 4 13 25 33

TEAM RECORDS AT OLYMPIC PARK

ALL GAMES

South Melbourne 62 28 15 19 100 77

Sydney United 11 7 2 2 17 9

FINALS SERIES ONLY

South Melbourne 23 8 5 10 37 32

Sydney United 1 0 0 1 2 3

FINALS SERIES GAMES

A total of 357 goals have been scored in the 135 Final Series matches played up to this year's Grand Final. There have been 40 draws in these games.

There has not been a penalty shoot-out to decide a Finals Series match since the 1991/92 Grand Final when Adelaide City won 4-2 on penalties after drawing 0-0 against Melbourne Knights after 120 minutes of play.

At OLYMPIC PARK there have been 126 goals scored in the 43 Finals Series matches played there.

Six of these matches have been decided by a penalty shoot-out.

This was the 8th Grand Final to be played at Olympic Park.

OLDEST GRAND FINAL PLAYER

Sydney United's veteran goalkeeper Mike Gibson is the oldest player to have competed in a NSL Grand Final. Gibson was 36 years and 351 days old when he took to the field last Sunday.

The previous oldest Grand Final player was Milan Ivanovic (Adelaide City) who was 34 years and 137 days old when Adelaide City played in the 1994/95 Grand Final.



ASICS BIG MATCH UPDATE: 1999 NSL GRAND FINAL

Stuart Jones at the Grand Final

**UNITED WIN
FLARE COUNT**

GRAND Final 1999 comes around and Olympic Park is the venue once more. Half an hour before kick off and it was only half full.

The lead up game was moved to the Melbourne Knights home ground where AIS defeated Adelaide City 8-1.

Unfortunately the Olympic Park Turf was not up to one game, let alone two.

The pitch markings from the Rugby League were covered over in dark green but still disappointing on the biggest day for soccer.

Entering the ground, every spectator was frisked for dangerous items and yet by 3.00pm the flare count was 6-1 (to United).

Pre-match entertainment was restricted to Meryl Bainbridge singing a few songs to a couple of thousand people early on, plus skydivers.

As for the crowd itself, they became more vocal as the players entered, but parts of the stadium were still sparse.

As for no national flags, well, there were Croatian and Greek flags and a few Union Jacks around the ground.

No pre-game fanfare from Sydney United, summing up their season, whilst South's ran through a "we are champions to stay" banner.

At kick off, the ground was less full than last year, which is disappointing.

The opening minutes saw the "Croatia" chant go up.

The crowd was certainly vocal from early on and certainly added to the atmosphere.

When United scored, the MCG-end went up as one, as did the orange colour of the flares.

The players on the park showed there was feeling

in the clash and the crowd became louder with every bad tackle that went in.

Every time South came forward, the fans would scream in anticipation.

During the middle of the half the majority of the crowd became quiet, although someone in the crowd continued to blow a whistle which put the players, spectators and media off.

The other ongoing thing for the players was the pitch markings with two sideline markings right next to each other.

Right on half time a melee got the crowd excited once more and by the end of the interval (a very quiet one by entertainment standards with just a penalty shootout) the crowd wanted more of the football.

When South equalised, the far stand went (expectedly) up as one and the crowd really

turned up the volume.

The match was becoming very intense around the tarmac.

After super-sub John Anastasiadis scored, the stadium erupted as the majority of the crowd smelt a second year of success and with the play going South's way, the fans were rocking along with the home team.

At fulltime, the best news of the night was the crowd stayed in the stands to enjoy the celebrations with each other, with security doing a great job.

To give United fans their due, they stayed after the match to congratulate South.

15,194 people saw a fantastic game and although low key in terms of the build up, the great crowd deserved the great game they got.

P.S. Flare count 20-19 to United - at least they won something.



Nick Orlic: he had an excellent second half in the Grand Final

Paul Millar at Olympic Park

The 1999 Grand Final review by Paul Millar

SUPER substitute John Anastasiadis hit two goals, one with his first touch of the match,

to earn South Melbourne a hard fought 3-2 victory over Sydney United in the Ericsson Cup Grand Final.

South's Olympic Park victory secured back to

back Championships and coach Ang Postecoglou said he aimed to build on that tally and was now planning for a hat-trick of championships.

The win also puts

South Melbourne into a playoff with other Oceania champions for a place in the new FIFA world club championship tournament.

Anastasiadis was also aiming for a hat-trick today in a tension packed tussle against the minor premier and he never moved off the bench until the final half hour.

With the scores locked at 1-1, after Mile Sterjovski opened for United and Paul Trimboli levelled, Anastasiadis set off on a run that ensured he will take his place in soccer folklore.

He raced down the flank, Goran Lozanovski hit a trademark cross into the heart of the United defence and Nick Orlic headed down forcing a parry from keeper Mike Gibson.

Anastasiadis was on the loose ball in a flash drilling it home with his first touch 15 seconds after leaving the substitutes bench.

For good measure he made it 3-1 with a brilliant diving header sending a George Goutzioulos cross screaming into the rigging with three minutes left to play.

He said after the match he was not content to sit

on the bench but on a day like today there was compensation.

He also made it clear that it might be his last season unless things change.

"My contract ends now and who knows it could be my last game at South Melbourne," he said.

It was a tension-packed showdown with four yellow cards for each side and the beg-your-pardons saved for after the match.

United, which had battled the odds all season, refused to yield even at 3-1 and Danny Townsend toe-poked an injury time effort into the net in extra time, but it was the best the Sydneysiders could hope for after being outplayed in the second term.

It started so brightly for United, which has fought for financial survival all season and had overcome unbelievable odds just to make the final.

South started nervously, United dictated play, won the hard balls and received the early rewards.

Michael Santalab clipped an inswinging corner that Sterjovski met perfectly heading inside the post after seven minutes and United had the lead.

The Victorians were methodical and United closed down quickly restricting their usual free flowing game.

The reigning champion eventually clawed back ground just before the break with Lozanovski starting to hit his straps.

While Lozanovski was finding form, half a dozen players seemed more concerned about hitting each other just before half-time.

Fausto De Amicis went into the book as did Nathan Day and David Barrett while Trimboli was lucky to escape a caution in a push and pull exchange on the halfway line.

It was a more determined South after the break and United was battling to hold the Victorians in check.

Man of the match Lozanovski whipped in another telling corner, Trimboli knew exactly where it was going and seconds later so did United.

"I just closed my eyes and hoped for the best," Trimboli said of the 52nd minute headed goal that gave his side the 2-1 lead and paved the way to victory.

It could have been the skipper's day, but Anasta-

siadis had other ideas and with his contract finishing after the match he's certain to receive plenty of offers.

Postecoglou refused to take credit for the telling substitution which led to the victory saying sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't.

"We are able to throw on quality players and sometimes it makes a difference," Postecoglou said.

The coach said even though United had dictated the opening play and had taken an early lead South was always going to fight back into the game.

"We are not the kind of team that is going to fall to pieces when we concede a goal ... if nothing else this a big game team, because we never lose the big ones," he said.

"We've got two in a row now and that gives us something to build on."

United coach Dave Mitchell said the leveller had killed off his side.

"They scored and that gave them the lift they needed," Mitchell said.

"All the players played with heart and commitment and we showed today that we can play good football."

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Perth players on transfer merry go round



Michael Garcia: on his way to Europe?

BY Jason Marocchi

PERTH Glory's plans for next season were rocked last week, with three prominent players stating that they won't be back next season.

Midfielder Paul Strudwick has retired, fellow left footer Michael Garcia is heading overseas, and defender Craig Deans has signed with Carlton.

Strudwick, 31, turned down a new two year contract with the club before announcing his retirement. He was one of the very first players signed by the Glory, and leaves after 67 appearances and 10 goals for the club.

The hard working midfielder was a permanent fixture in Bernd Stange's side, playing 26 regular season matches and coming off the bench in three of the Glory's four finals matches.

Garcia, 22, has also rejected a new two year deal.

The Olyroos midfielder wants to try and land a contract in Europe.

After starting the early season from the bench, Garcia became a regular starter in Stange's side after Christmas, putting in some hard working displays and scoring four goals in the process.

Deans, 24, has made it no secret that he wants to play his football in Melbourne.

He rejected a Glory offer earlier this season to trial with the Melbourne Knights, stating that Glory was too worried about making money and not winning championships.

Deans was unable to get a contract with the Knights, and was loaned to Glory by Soccer West Coast club Western Knights in mid-season.

Deans established himself in the heart of Glory's defence,

playing 18 games and relegating Kiwi international Gavin Wilkinson to the sidelines.

The three departures leave a big hole in what could be a new look Glory squad next season.

New Zealand international Danny Hay begins trials with VFB Stuttgart this week, and fellow Kiwi defender Wilkinson has already been released by the club.

Italian defender Gianfranco Circati has not been offered another contract, along with former Young Socceroos' Vasko Trpceviski and Tony Carbone.

Perth is hotly pursuing Brisbane midfielder Kasey Wehrman, and is also in the long line of clubs eager to get the signature of Sydney United's Mile Sterjovski for next season.

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Bard hat-trick demoralises Eastern

By Patrick Galloway

WENTWORTH Park was the setting for what was quite a bizarre battle between Eastern Suburbs and Parramatta, where a second half goal spree of six goals, including a hat-trick from Parramatta marksman Grant Bard, saw the lowly placed Eastern Suburbs go down to the Eagles 5-1.

Consequently Eastern Suburbs draw closer to ending up with the less than honourable tag of competition wooden-spooners.

The match began rather tamely, with neither side having any real opportunities.

Indeed this was the case for the entire first half, with probably the best opportunity falling to Eastern Suburbs' Mark Beldham in the 39th minute of the match.

A through ball from sweeper Yavuz Ekinci by-passed the midfield and fell right in front of the hard running Beldham who scooted past his marker but couldn't beat the fast approaching Ja-

son Holmes.

The sides went to the break at 0-0.

An outcome that Parramatta would be less than content with should the score-line not differ in the second period.

Although thoughts that the score board attendants would not be troubled in the second half were quickly dispelled as quickly as one minute after the break.

In the 46th minute, Parramatta coach Roberto Viera's half time words of inspiration paid dividends.

After a run down the left from Anthony Panzarino, saw the ball was cut back to Adam Anderson at the back post, who had time to neatly put the ball into the back of the net, past the outstretched arms of Easts keeper Adam Mark.

Facing defeat, Eastern Suburbs coach John Celja decided to go man-on-man at the back and push sweeper Yavuz Ekinci into the midfield, creating an extra man and hopefully catching Parramatta napping.

However in the 60th minute Easts hopes of salvaging something from the match looked rather bad when Hulusi Orhan was sent from the field after receiving his second yellow card for flying into a tackle on Mauricio Islas with his studs up.

In the 82nd minute Eastern Suburbs equalised against the run of play, lifting up the Wentworth Park grandstand in the process.

Beginning in the midfield, Eastern Suburbs strung five or so passes together, then an excellent ball from David Severes found George Maglis unmarked, sprinting through on the back post.

He brilliantly blasted the ball home into the top of the net, leaving Jason Holmes without a chance.

Perhaps someone spiked the Parramatta water-bottles in the 80th minute, because after Maglis' effort in the 82nd to tie the scores at 1-1, Parramatta were literally - sparked into action.

Four goals in a spate of seven minutes did nothing



Damian Brown: on the scoresheet for Blacktown

Eastern open new ground at Hensley Field

THE official opening of the new home ground of Eastern Suburbs Soccer will take place on Saturday, 5 June '99.

Hensley Field, Eastern's new ground, at the corner of Wentworth Avenue and Denison Street in Eastgardens was

formally known as Hillsdale.

Eastern Suburbs Wanderers will play against Sydney United to open the ground and the Mayor of the City of Botany Bay, Mr. Ron Hoenig, will kick off the Under 13 Super Youth

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ROUND 19

Sunday 6th June

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Serbian Centre, 3:00pm

Bankstown City Lions v Central Coast

Jensen Park, 3:00pm

Fairfield Bulls v Sutherland Sharks

Nineveh Field, 3:00pm

Parramatta Eagles v Macarthur Rams

Melita Stadium, 3:00pm

Canterbury Marrickville v Eastern Suburbs

Henson Park, 3:00pm

Ryde City v Leichhardt Tigers

Wentworth Park, 3:00pm

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ing less than embarrass the boys from Eastern Suburbs.

In the 83rd minute, Grant Bard timed his run goalwards to perfection, getting on the end of a Panzarino cross.

He met the ball waist high and volleyed the ball with his left foot into the top left-hand corner.

Just one minute later that same man was at it again.

A Sasha Utjesenovic break down the right saw the ball played across the goal mouth where Anderson and Bard were waiting.

Anderson, on the near post, cleverly dummied a rolling ball and drew stray Easts defender Peter Pulicino - caught between marking Anderson and Bard, to the near post in anticipation of the shot from Anderson.

Bard then had time to compose himself and put away his second - and Parramatta's third.

In the dying moments of the match a further two opportunities were converted by the Eagles to leave the match with a 5-1 scoreline.

Grant Bard got his hat-trick in the 87th after a Ballamobou Conde shot was parried by Adam Mark and then fell into Bard's path who converted the easiest of opportunities.

In stoppage time big defender Paul O'Grady got on the end of a Mauricio Islas corner for what was a very classy finish for Parramatta's fifth.

Parramatta next take on Macarthur at Melita Stadium this Sunday, whilst Eastern Suburbs travel to Henson Park to take on a Canterbury/Marrickville outfit who have re-found their form and are back in the race for the top six after an excellent win over Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Sunday.

WITH the ANZAC Cup

being played the day before, the clash between Macarthur Rams and Fairfield Bulls was rearranged for Sunday June 13, as Macarthur had five players in the New South Wales Blues side that went down to Northern New South Wales.

The top two teams in Super League did play however, and both scored comfortable wins.

Leaders Blacktown defeated Ryde City 3-0 at the Gabbie Stadium, a goal after half an hour by Damien Brown being complemented by two late goals through Jon Angelucci and Paul Yates.

Bonnyrigg went one better however as they remained a point behind the Demons, defeating the Central Coast 4-0.

The home side were missing star strikers Robert Gomez (suspension) and Colin Luff (injury) but didn't miss them, as Ray Younis with two,

Johnny Ghiso and the impressive Milan Crnkovic sent the Coasties home without reward.

At Lambert Park the Leichhardt Tigers must have fancied their chances against a Canterbury Marrickville team who had conceded 12 in their past two matches.

Unfortunately for a large crowd however, Canterbury Marrickville snapped into every tackle and came away deserved winners, 3-0 with goals by Steve Christoforidis (2) and a late goal to Zoran Ilic, who turned in another great display in the middle of the park.

The Sutherland Sharks pulled off a surprise 2-0 victory over a Bankstown City side that had won their previous four games, with goals from Cord Tolson and an own goal, both in the first 15 minutes.

The win moves the Sharks into third from bottom.

ACT names schoolboys touring squad

by Nick Guoth

THE 1999 ACT Schoolboys team to play in the ASSSA National Championships in Canberra from 1st-7th August at the AIS has been selected.

At these Championships an Australian Schoolboys squad will be chosen to tour the United Kingdom and Ireland in December, and another squad to tour Fiji in January 2000.

Last year ACT Schoolboys players Heath Gillett (Monaro), Andy Rakic (Canberra Deakin) and Rade Kosanovic (Belconnen) were selected in the Australian Squad which played home Internationals against New Zealand and Wales, and Gillett was selected for the tour to New Zealand and Fiji where the squad played the New Zealand Under 23 team and the Fiji Under 17 team.

In 1997 Shane Lyons (Capital City Suns) was selected to tour South America with the Australian Schoolboys team which included Daniel Watkins now with Northern Spirit, and in 1996 Barney Smith (Sydney United) and Ilija Prenzovski (Canberra Cosmos) toured the UK as Australian Schoolboys with Simon Colosimo (Carlton).

The complete squad is: Wes Bryett (Erindale College AIS), Johnny Cvetanovski (Lake Ginninderra College AIS), Aidan Griffiths (Marist College Juventus SC), Paul Ivanic (Canberra College Canberra Deakin SC), Matt Jullienne (Erindale College Weston Creek SC), Steven Kemp (Lake Ginninderra College Juventus SC), Rade Kosanovic (Lake Ginninderra College Belconnen SC), Luke Morgan (Marist College Juventus SC), Jade North (Lake Ginninderra College AIS), Liam Reddy (Lake Ginninderra College AIS), Wayne Shroj (Lake Ginninderra College AIS), Carl Valeri (Mackillop College Juventus SC), Danny Vasilevski (Lake Ginninderra College AIS), Goran Veljanovski (Erindale College Queanbeyan City SC), Adam Williams (Erindale College Canberra Deakin SC), Philip Yarnold (Lake Ginninderra College Belconnen SC).

Stand-By Players: Lucas Borucinski (Marist College Juventus SC), David Collins (Copland College Olympic SC), Elias Dimourtzidis (Lake Ginninderra College AIS), Clinton Larfield (Lake Ginninderra College Belconnen SC), Amied Shadmaan (Lake Ginninderra College Juventus SC), Brad Smith (Hawker

College Juventus SC), Yosef Zamora (Marist College Juventus SC).

Officials: Coach Chris Conti (Kambah High School), Manager/Assistant Coach Richard Beazley (Belwest SC), Physio Barry Rumble (University of Canberra), Development Manager Tony Buesnal (Soccer Canberra).

A number of the players are backing up from last year's squad which went to Brisbane for the National Championships (Griffiths, Kosanovic, Williams, Yarnold and Larfield), while Morgan was in the 1997 ACT Schoolboys squad which contested the Championships in Adelaide.

This year's squad also features a number of AIS players, including current Joeys, Wayne Shroj and Jade North and a number of ACT Academy players.

One of the youngest players to have been chosen for the ACT Schoolboys in a number of years is Carl Valeri.

The ACT team has also been invited to participate in the Youth Tournament being held at the Soccer Expo at Stadium Australia in June, where the boys will have the opportunity to meet many of the Socceroos and other overseas stars here as part of the Socceroos v FIFA XI.

South look to World Club tourney

By Paul Millar

BACK to back Ericsson Cup champion South Melbourne will spend little time savouring its 3-2 grand final win over Sydney United - it now has bigger trophies to chase.

The Olympic Park victory yesterday paves the way for South to contest the Oceania leg of the world club championship in Fiji in October when a victory would open the door to games against the likes of Manchester United.

South coach Ang Postecoglou said there was no better club in the country to represent Australia.

He said South was often written off as just a traditional club with a narrow support base that had been around for years.

"Our game at the end of the day is about excellence on the field and nobody can question our excellence on the field," he said.

"I cannot think of a better representative for this country in an international competition."

Postecoglou said the club now had the chance to lift to another level against the best



sides in the world.

While Postecoglou can dream about playing against the cream of world soccer Sydney United coach David Mitchell will spend the next fortnight thinking about his future as well as the team and club future.

United was in the hands of an administrator and desperately needed the cash from a campaign in the world club championship to strengthen its financial stability.

It is also facing the threat of

an exodus of its top players.

Mitchell also is out of contract and there are clubs chasing him.

"The next couple of weeks I'm going to take stock and probably approach all the players and see where we find ourselves," Mitchell said. However, Mitchell knows that more than half his team has already been approached and after rebuilding the side this year he is unlikely to want to start again next season.

Slaughter at Sunshine ends Youth League season

By Roy Hay

THE Australian Institute of Sport was far too strong for Adelaide City in the National Play-off in the National Youth League winning by eight goals to one.

The match was switched to Knights Stadium in Sunshine to save the pitch at Olympic Park for the Ericsson Cup Grand Final, which disappointed the players of both teams who had been looking forward to performing in front of a big crowd in the curtain raiser.

The AIS broke through after 18 minutes with a sharply taken goal by Johnny Cvetanovski, but City hit back with a good strike by Robert Saraceno five minutes later.

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Australian Institute of Sport 8	Adelaide City 1
Kevo Gulesserian 2	Robert Saraceno
Joshua Kennedy 2	
Grant Last	
Johnny Cvetanovski	
Daniel Vasilevski	

That ended the first half scoring though Kevo Gulesserian twice came close with shots for the AIS.

Two minutes after the interval Grant Last got clear at the far post to finish for the AIS, then two goals in three minutes by Gulesserian settled the result.

For the first he cut in from the right side and fired a shot

just inside the left post.

For the second he out-jumped the big Adelaide defence to head home a free kick. When Adelaide's scorer was sent off for dissent following a tackle the Adelaide heads started to drop and the AIS added four more goals.

Joshua Kennedy got two, one with a close range finish, the other a rebound after a shot was blocked.

Daniel Vasilevski's inswinging corner kick was helped into the Adelaide net by a defender and then Vasilevski scored unaided with a shot through a ruck of bodies.

Matt Kemp, Ljubo Milicevic, Wayne Shroj, keeper Michael Turnbull all did well for the AIS, while Dusty McGregor, David Terminello and keeper Antony Breadon battled hard for City.

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Queanbeyan let it slip away

by Nick Guoth

IT WAS the one that got away.

That was the best description for Queanbeyan City Lions when they lost 2-1 to the Burns Club at Greenway Oval.

"We need to work a bit more on putting away our chances," was the comment from Queanbeyan's coach Victor Trajanoski.

The pressure they generated in the first half was not complimented with any goals and in the end they paid for this.

As early as the fifth minute, Danny Burt played a one-two with David Geremia but the latter mis-directed his shot

wide.

The wet conditions were not going to favour the goalkeepers, and to add to this Burn's Matt Melgaard was suffering from an injury to his hand.

The continuous peppering of long shots by Queanbeyan were not what he was looking for.

It wasn't until the 15th minute that Burns had its first foray towards goal.

Josh Turco waltzed through some lazy defenders, but at the last moment lost his footing and shot well over.

Half way through Frane Pratezina put through Danny Gjorgievski for a chance, and it needed the most delicate of

touches from Melgaard to keep the scoreline blank.

At the half-hour point, Queanbeyan suffered a blow.

Their keeper Ivica Sbrinoski had to be substituted through injury and their Under 23 keeper Jarrod Sullivan came on as a replacement.

But his work was nothing like that at the other end.

Geremia had another low shot go wide and a few minutes later Danny Burt saw his drive go in the same direction.

Melgaard was called into action thrice more in the half and had to make crucial saves, to deny the hungry Queanbeyan players.

After the break, Queanbeyan

continued looking for the opening goal.

It didn't take long.

Nine minutes into the half, a corner from Goran Veljanovski found Burt and his header saw nothing but net.

The Cosmos defender now has three goals for the season already.

The lead was short lived, when only four minutes later Burns equalised.

The ball came out from a corner to Sean Madden and his long shot from 30m outwent directly into the top right corner.

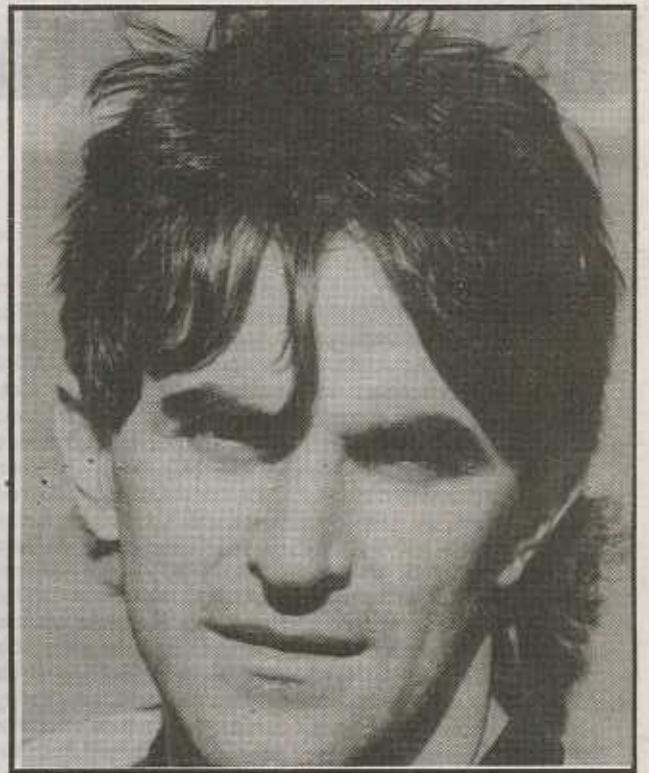
Queanbeyan had a good chance to regain the one goal lead when Gjorgievski had two bites of the cherry.

His first shot was blocked and the second needed a solid save with attackers coming in for the crumbs.

But they payed for this when only a minute later Burns took the lead.

Daniel Park had an easy tuck away when he was handed a goal by Turco after some good lead up work from Andy Wallace. From here on the game swung completely to Burns.

They should have sewed up the match easily with any of a number of chances.



Queanbeyan City coach Vic Trajanoski

Substitute Mark Collett was put in by Wallace and needed a fine save from Sullivan.

Then on the hour Wallace put Park through. He rounded the keeper, but his shot was weak and Paul Reid got back to clear off the line.

Park had another shot pushed away for a corner after Wallace set him up and Andy himself had two more, the first deflected wide and the second missed the goal by inches.

Queanbeyan pressed at the end for the equaliser and had a ball in the penalty area a few times, but just could not convert.

Steve Bryant, coach of Burns, was overall happy with the result.

In fact he felt that when the team went one down it lifted them.

"This was a six-point game. We struggled in the first half but performed better in the second", said Bryant.

Trajanoski stated that he couldn't complain with the way his team played.

"We did everything right, but we just need to put some of those chances away."

He was also very happy with Danny Burt's performance as with Goran Veljanovski.

ACT Women's Soccer by Anya Whitelaw

IN A replay of the pre-premiership final Belconnen United defeated Canberra City 2-0 at Dickson on Sunday.

In wet conditions Belconnen dominated play as if in the dry, City without coach Chris Florentine who resigned last week.

Belconnen had a number of chances in the first half, Cindy Doyle, Danika Ralston and Clorinda Iannucci all pressing the City defence.

City did have some chances to make breaks, but their forwards lost their feet at the vital moments leaving the Belconnen defence to clean up.

After keeping Belconnen scoreless for the first half, City broke in the second to the constant attack of their rivals. Twelve minutes in Dior Foxhill was bought down by a City defender inside the box. Taking the penalty shot herself, Foxhill put

Belconnen on the board.

The second goal came three minutes later, Cindy Doyle making a fast break to chip the keeper from 25 meters out.

Amy Kilpatrick had a couple of late chances for city, but the final score remained at 2-0.

In other games Kim Chan-ning scored four goals in ACTAS's 5-2 win over Weston Creek, Tuggeranong and Burns-Brindabella playing out a 1-1 draw.

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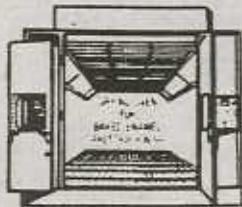
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Keeper proves match-winner for Juve

by Greg Welsh

ONLY a brilliant second-half performance by Gunghalin Juventus goalkeeper Elias Oikarinen prevented the Weston Creek Royals from moving into equal first-place at Woden Park on Sunday.

Juventus, taking a comfortable 2-0 lead into the half-time break, seemed intent on recreating the Socceroos vs. Iran MCG result for the small crowd that braved the rain.

However, their keeper apparently hadn't been informed of the plan, and continually denied Royals' strikers Steve Lazzari and Peter Hader in the last twenty minutes before a late George Cattnach goal

cemented all three points for Juventus.

The first chance of the match fell to Lazzari in the 4th minute, but the slippery conditions meant he skied his shot from close range.

Juventus then settled down to dictate play, and were rewarded with a goal in the 15th minute when John Glass collected a loose ball and blasted the ball into the back of the Royals' net from twenty metres out.

A foul on Luke Morgan just outside the Royals' penalty area five minutes later presented Juventus with their second goal, with Brad Smith on hand to steer Craig Rankine's low free-kick past

Royals' keeper Troy Boots.

The Royals were thankful not to go three behind in the 35th minute when a sweetly-struck shot by Glass smacked the woodwork and Morgan failed to bury the rebound.

But by this stage the Juventus team were so dominant that it seemed a comfortable victory was in the offing.

However, the Royals came out from the break a changed team, and were soon back in the match thanks to a goal from Hader.

The Juventus defence seemed to wilt as the Royals continued to surge forward and only a diving save by Oikarinen prevented a Lazzari equaliser in the 76th minute.

Soon after, the Juventus keeper was adjudged to have taken too many steps, and the Royals were presented with another golden opportunity.

But Oikarinen once more proved a formidable last line of defence by deflecting Lazzari's powerful strike away from goal.

Juventus coach Billy Willox was full of praise for his keeper, but added: "I think we should have finished it in the first half - we wouldn't have had those heart attacks."

"I knew they would come back at us - they had to. They sat back in the first half and let us do everything we wanted to do."

Craig Rankine passed to Scott Manson who then played a 1-2 with Perinovic before sending the ball past Chris Freeman from 12m out.

But 10 minutes more and Uni had equalised again.

A Jason Dunn clearance was intercepted by Uni. The ball went to Alan Rankine, who from the edge of the box side-footed the ball into the top left corner.

At the death, Belconnen had a great chance to win. An Adrian Dowling long ball was headed at goal by Perinovic. It hit the crossbar and bounced back, but no one was there to put in the rebound. Uni fought hard throughout the day and seemed to be in the right frame of mind for this game.

Bels coach, Lino Fiorese said: "there are still problems in the last third. We need to improve our workload and play for 90 minutes."

Ivanic seals it for Deakin

by Dylan Durie

CANBERRA Deakin scored a hard fought 2-1 win over Monaro in appalling conditions at Riverside stadium in their ACT Premier League match on Sunday.

Ben Deighan and Paul Ivanic had put Deakin two-nil up before a goal from Danny Macor gave Monaro some hope in the final 20 minutes.

Deighan gave Deakin the lead on 17 minutes with an unchallenged header from an Anthony Barac corner after Monaro had the better of the early possession.

Monaro failed to learn their lesson and Mladin Rogic headed just over after also being unmarked from another accurate Rakic corner.

In first half injury time Monaro came within a whisker of drawing level but an amazing one handed save from Deakin keeper Pedro Pavez turned away a long range screamer from Joe

Campagna that was curling into the top corner.

Deakin almost increased their lead soon after the break when a delicate chip by Deighan from a half cleared corner had to be palmed over the bar by Monaro keeper Tony Guarino.

Campagna then had a chance to equalise but shot across goal after he got behind the defence.

Deakin immediately made it 2-0 with Ivanic's goal coming in the 63rd minute, a crisp volley into the roof of the net from a Gaby Exposito cross.

David Milin then produced the shot of the day for Deakin, rattling the cross-bar from at least 30 metres with the keeper well beaten.

Macor got his goal after a nice one-two with Campagna at the edge of the area before poking the ball home from a tight angle but Monaro didn't produce any real chances to steal a point after that.

Bells not ringing at Uni

AT THE University of Canberra grounds, the upsets continued when Belconnen United were held to a 2-2 draw by the lowly University of Canberra. It was a dropped point for Belconnen, but little did they know about what was happening elsewhere in Canberra.

Marko Perinovic put Belconnen ahead from a free kick after Scott Manson was taken down just outside the box. Uni equalised through a great goal from Dominic Bartone ten minutes later.

His rifled shot went straight into the top right corner. Five minutes into the second half Belconnen regained their lead.

Fremantle get sweet revenge

by Jason Marocchi

IT WAS a case of sweet revenge for Fremantle City on Saturday, defeating Sorrento 2-1 in their Soccer West Coast Premier League clash at Fremantle Oval.

Fremantle avenged last week's embarrassing 6-2 loss to Sorrento in the West Ham Cup, but had to do it the hard way.

A strange refereeing decision just before half time saw Sorrento awarded a penalty and Fremantle defender Matt Favazzo sent off.

Sorrento's Todd Harnwell appeared to fall over the ball in the Fremantle penalty area, with Favazzo and fellow Fremantle defender Alex Christie close by.

The referee gave Favazzo his marching orders and Sorrento's Ross Greer equalised from the penalty spot.

Fremantle had taken the lead after a 24th minute Steve Bourne strike.

Fremantle's ten men then worked tirelessly for the rest of the match, and were rewarded with a goal on the counter in the 68th minute.

Michael Mirco skipped past three Sorrento defenders to score a memorable winner.

The win moved Fremantle to 16 points alongside Sorrento and ECU Joondalup, and allowed the Western Knights to extend their lead to five points at the top of the Premier League table.

The Knights hammered Ashfield-Bunbury 4-0, and will travel to Percy Doyle Reserve next week for the top two clash with Sorrento.

Joondalup also slipped off the pace, going down 1-0 to the Inglewood Falcons.

Alex Josifovski scored the winner for the Falcons, in a

side which included recently released Glory defender Gavin Wilkinson.

The Kiwi international will play for the Falcons for the next few weeks in preparation for the Confederations Cup in July.

At Kingsway Reserve, Floreat Athena striker Terry Georganis scored a hat-trick as Floreat thrashed Kingsway Olympic 5-0.

Michael Roki and Kostas Socratis got the others for Floreat.

Perth brought the Stirling Lions winning run to a halt, coming from behind to record a 3-1 victory.

Trailing 1-0 at half time, Perth bounced back after the break with two goals from teenage striker Adrian Caceres and one from Rob Peruzza.

The Bayswater City Panthers also came back from a goal down to beat Cockburn City 2-1.

Former Canberra Cosmos striker Nick Mrdja scored the winner for Bayswater in the second half.

And in mid-week, Bayswater and Joondalup advanced to the semi-finals of the West Ham Cup.

Joondalup hammered Floreat 5-2, while Bayswater edged out Perth 2-1.

Bayswater and Joondalup join Sorrento and the Stirling Lions in the semi-finals.

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Bonnyrigg	18	13	1	4	56	27	40
Macarthur Rams	17	10	1	6	30	20	31
Parramatta Eagles	17	9	2	6	38	21	29
Leichhardt Tigers	18	9	2	7	33	28	29
Bankstown City Lions	18	9	1	8	35	29	28
Fairfield Bulls	17	8	4	5	31	29	28
Canterbury Marr	18	8	4	6	27	30	28
Ryde City	17	4	4	9	23	30	16
Sutherland Sharks	17	3	2	12	17	46	11
Central Coast	16	2	3	11	14	39	9
Eastern Suburbs	17	2	2	13	21	52	8

NSW SUPER LEAGUE

UNDER 21	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Parramatta Eagles	16	11	3	2	37	19	36
Macarthur Rams	17	10	3	4	41	20	33
Bonnyrigg	17	11	0	6	35	23	33
Fairfield Bulls	17	9	3	5	32	33	30
Blacktown City	17	9	1	7	39	31	28
Eastern Suburbs	16	8	1	7	28	28	25
Leichhardt Tigers	17	7	1	9	34	33	22
Central Coast	16	6	4	6	23	27	22
Ryde City	16	4	4	8	21	26	16
Canterbury Marrickville	17	4	3	10	17	30	15
Sutherland Sharks	17	4	2	11	17	37	14
Bankstown City Lions	17	3	3	11	21	38	12

NSW SUPER LEAGUE

UNDER 18	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Blacktown City	18	13	3	2	37	15	42
Parramatta Eagles	17	13	1	3	58	15	40
Macarthur Rams	17	11	1	5	32	23	34
Canterbury	18	9	5	4	33	23	32
Leichhardt Tigers	18	8	5	5	22	17	29
Central Coast	17	8	2	7	27	24	26
Eastern Suburbs	17	7	2	8	26	27	23
Bankstown City Lions	18	7	1	10	28	38	22
Sutherland Sharks	18	5	3	10	19	33	18
Ryde City	17	3	5	9	13	23	14
Bonnyrigg	18	2	5	11	11	32	11
Fairfield Bulls	17	1	3	13	11	47	6

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor United	10	8	1	1	27	8	25
Heidelberg United	9	6	2	1	23	13	20
Westgate	10	6	2	2	21	12	20
Oakleigh	10	6	2	2	15	8	20
Western Suburbs	10	4	2	4	14	12	14
Nth Geelong Warriors	10	3	5	2	12	10	14
Doncaster Rovers	10	3	4	3	22	15	13
Kingston City	10	4	1	5	12	20	13
Richmond	10	3	3	4	15	20	12
Northcote City	10	3	2	5	22	22	11
Yarraville Glory	9	3	2	4	11	14	11
Melbourne City	10	3	1	6	16	25	10
Springvale City	10	1	3	6	5	19	6
Werribee City	10	0	2	8	9	26	2

SCHOOLS

ISA Rd 2:
First grade:
St Spyridon 5 (G Voulgaropoulos 4 S Zourdis)
bt Chevalier 2 (G Arthurs R Albouze).
Second grade:
St Spyridon 1 bt Chevalier 0.
TRIALS:
First grade:
St Patricks 4 Barker 1
Second grade:
Barker 2 St Patricks 0.

MCC
Rd 5: A:
Marist Kogarah 1 Marist Pagewood 0
St Leo's Wairoonga 3 Marcellin Randwick 1,
DLS Ashfield 1 La Salle Bankstown 0,
CBHS Lewisham 3 Marist North Shore 0
B:
Marist Kogarah 10 Marist Pagewood 0,
Marcellin Randwick 5 St Leo's Wairoonga 3,
DLS Ashfield 3 La Salle Bankstown 0,
CBHS Lewisham 2 Marist North Shore 0
U-15:
Marist Pagewood 2 Marist Kogarah 1,
Marcellin Randwick 1 St Leo's Wairoonga 1,
CBHS Lewisham 6 Marist North Shore 1
U-13:
Marist Kogarah 6 Marist Pagewood 0

Marcellin Randwick 2 St Leo's Wairoonga 1,
CBHS Lewisham 2 Marist North Shore 1

BILL TURNER CUP
Rd 1:
St Spyridon College 2 All Saints Lakemba 1,
Hunters Hill 4 North Sydney Boys 1,
Pittwater 3 Davidson 0
All Saints Liverpool 3 Bonnyrigg 0,
Muswellbrook 2 Scone 1
Kotara 4 St Phillips 1
Byron Bay 4 Mullumbimby 0
Kingscliff 3 Murwillumbah 11
South Grafton 3 Orara 1
Alfred Deakin 5 Crookwell 0
Rd 2:
Jannali 1 DLS Caringbah 0
Menai 6 Gymer 2
Marist Pagewood 4 Blakehurst 2,
Pennant Hills 1 Masada College 0
Holy Cross College 6 Malvena 2
Patrician Blacktown 7 Mitchell 1
Blacktown Boys 4 Quakers Hill 1
Coto 5 Bede Polding 2
Kingswood 7 Hawkesbury 1
Christ Catholic 3 Colyton 2
Emmanuel College 2 Jamison 1,
Christian Lewisham 3 Christian Burwood 1,
Northmead 3 Greystanes 2
DLS Ashfield 5 Delaney College 0
Casimir College 4 Belmore Boys 3
Prairieview 4 Lurnea 0
Freeman 4 Fairvale 0
Kingscliff 1 Tweed River 0
Forster 3 Wingham 0
Port Macquarie 4 St Josephs 2
Cessnock 2 Muswellbrook 1
Dungog 2 Josephs Lochinvar 1,
Lambton 1 Wallsend 0
Belmont 5 Hunter Sports 0,
Glendale 2 West Wallsend 0
Warners Bay 1 Toronto 0
Wanniasa 1 Calwell 0
Marist Pearce 3 McKillop 0
Canberra 5 Ginninderra 0
St Francis Xavier 7 Stromlo 1
Karabar 4 Telopea 1
Eden 5 Moruya 1,
Griffith 3 Wade 2.

A.C.T.

Premier League Division 1:
1st Grade
Canberra Olympic 4 Capital City Suns 1
Uni of Canberra 2 Belconnen United 2

Burns Club 2
Monaro 1
Weston Creek 1

Under 23s
Canberra Olympic 6
Uni of Canberra 4
Burns Club 9
Monaro 0
Weston Creek 2

Premier League Division 2:
1st Grade:
ANU 0 Tuggeranong United 2,
O'Connor Knights 1 Canberra Sabres 1
ADFA 1 White Eagles 3
Belwest Foxes 0
Res Grade:
ANU 5 Tuggeranong United 0,
O'Connor Knights 2 Canberra Sabres 0,
ADFA 2 Cooma 2
Belwest Foxes 7 White Eagles 3

State League:
Division 1:
Uni of Canberra 0 Valley Blues 1
Southern Spirit 2 Monaro 4,
Canberra City 0 Burns Club 2
Belconnen 4 Ginninderra 3
Division 2:
Tuggeranong 2 Juventus 2
ANU 4 Belwest 4
Canberra City 3 Burns 4
Belconnen 1 Ginninderra 1
Uni of Canberra 3 Valley Blues 0
Division 3:
Uni of Canberra 2 5 Weston Creek 6
Uni of Canberra 1 Fyshwick 8
ANU 0 Harmonie 0
Tuggeranong 5 Canberra City 1
Valley Blues 5 ADFA 5
Division 4:
Uni of Canberra 1 3 Fyshwick 1
ANU 1 Harmonie 0
Uni of Canberra 2 4 Weston Creek 1,
Trojans 3 ANU 2 3
Valley Blues 3 ADFA 0

Masters:
Tuggeranong 2 Uni of Canberra 4,
Kambah Old Boys 1 White Eagles 2,
St Francis 3 ANU 4
Youth:
Southern Spirit 1 Radford 2
Tuggeranong 11 Belsouth 0

Division 3:
Uni of Canberra 2 5 Weston Creek 6
Uni of Canberra 1 Fyshwick 8
ANU 0 Harmonie 0
Tuggeranong 5 Canberra City 1
Valley Blues 5 ADFA 5
Division 4:
Uni of Canberra 1 3 Fyshwick 1
ANU 1 Harmonie 0
Uni of Canberra 2 4 Weston Creek 1,
Trojans 3 ANU 2 3
Valley Blues 3 ADFA 0

Division 3:
Uni of Canberra 2 5 Weston Creek 6
Uni of Canberra 1 Fyshwick 8
ANU 0 Harmonie 0
Tuggeranong 5 Canberra City 1
Valley Blues 5 ADFA 5
Division 4:
Uni of Canberra 1 3 Fyshwick 1
ANU 1 Harmonie 0
Uni of Canberra 2 4 Weston Creek 1,
Trojans 3 ANU 2 3
Valley Blues 3 ADFA 0

Masters:
Tuggeranong 2 Uni of Canberra 4,
Kambah Old Boys 1 White Eagles 2,
St Francis 3 ANU 4
Youth:
Southern Spirit 1 Radford 2
Tuggeranong 11 Belsouth 0

NEW SOUTH WALES

BLACKTOWN DISTRICT SFA
U/9 Div.1:
Blk. Workers 1 Rooty Hill RSL 0,
Doonside 1 Riv/Schofields 0,
C.S.I. 4 Quakers Hill 0,
Parklea 4 Kings Langley 0.
Div.2:
Oakville 1 Lourdes 1
Prospect 1 Kings Langley 1,
Parklea 3 Blk. Premiers 0,
Good Shepherd 1 Blk. St.Patricks 0.
Div.3:
Quakers Hill 1 Lourdes 0
Rooty Hill RSL 5 Doonside 1
Eastern Creek 1 Mt.Druitt Rangers 0,
Shalvey 7 Blk. Workers 0
Div.4:
Quakers Hill 2 Oakville 0
Good Shepherd 1 Parklea 0
Div.5:
Mt.Druitt Sports 1 Plumpton/Oakhurst 0,
Quakers Hill 5

Parklea 1
Marayong Sport 2
U/10 Div.1:
Kings Langley 2
Prospect 1
Minchinbury 6
Div.2:
Doonside 4
Lourdes 2
Parklea 2
Div.3:
Parklea 3
Riv/Schofields 4
Shalvey 3
Div.4:
Marayong Sport 9
Rooty Hill RSL 1
Good Shepherd 2
Div.5:
Quakers Hill 1
Blk. Premiers 0
Parklea A 2
U/11 Div.1:
Kings Langley 9
Doonside 8
Blk. St.Patricks 5
Div.2:
Mt.Druitt Rangers 3
Riv/Schofields 5
Quakers Hill 2
Div.3:
Blk. Workers 6
Lourdes 8

Parklea 1
Marayong Sport 2
U/10 Div.1:
Kings Langley 2
Prospect 1
Minchinbury 6
Div.2:
Doonside 4
Lourdes 2
Parklea 2
Div.3:
Parklea 3
Riv/Schofields 4
Shalvey 3
Div.4:
Marayong Sport 9
Rooty Hill RSL 1
Good Shepherd 2
Div.5:
Quakers Hill 1
Blk. Premiers 0
Parklea A 2
U/11 Div.1:
Kings Langley 9
Doonside 8
Blk. St.Patricks 5
Div.2:
Mt.Druitt Rangers 3
Riv/Schofields 5
Quakers Hill 2
Div.3:
Blk. Workers 6
Lourdes 8

Plumpton/Oakhurst 0,
Good Shepherd 0,
Parklea B 1.
Blk. Premiers 0
Prospect 0
Rooty Hill RSL 1.
Plumpton/Oakhurst 0,
Marayong Sport 0,
Rooty Hill RSL 0.
Div.3:
Rooty Hill RSL 0,
Parklea 2

Doonside 0
Prospect 0
Parklea 1
Quakers Hill 0
Blk. St.Patricks 0.
Parklea 0
Prospect 0
Plumpton/Oakhurst 0.
Blk. Workers 0
Lourdes 0
Good Shepherd 2.
Doonside 0,
Seven Hills 2
Eastern Creek 1.

Prospect 0
Minchinbury 1,
Rooty Hill RSL 0.
Parklea 3
Rooty Hill RSL 2,
Blk. St.Patricks 2.

Blk. Workers 1
Plumpton/Oakhurst 0,
Doonside 0
Mt.Druitt Sports 0,
Rooty Hill RSL 1,
Prospect 0.
Blk. St.Patricks 0
Seven Hills 1
Parklea 0
Prospect 1
Oakville 0
Lourdes 0
Plumpton/Oakhurst 0.
Doonside 0
Parklea 0
Good Shepherd 2.
Kings Langley 2,
Prospect 2.
Parklea 0
Lourdes / Blk. St.Patricks 12 Doonside 0,
Heber Pk 0.

Doonside 0
Parklea 0
Good Shepherd 2.
Kings Langley 2,
Prospect 2.
Parklea 0
Lourdes / Blk. St.Patricks 12 Doonside 0,
Heber Pk 0.

U/17 Div.1:
Blk. St.Patricks 4
All Age Premier Div.1:
Marayong Sport 2
Plumpton/Oakhurst 4
All Age Div.1:
1st Grade:
Blk. Workers 1
Blk. Pioneer 2
Blk. Pioneer 2
Div.2 Reserves:
Eastern Creek 4
Blk. Pioneer 3
Doonside 2
Blk. Pioneer 1
All Age Div.2:
1st Grade:
Oakville 0
Kings Langley 1
Workers 0.
Div.2 Reserves:
Oakville 3
Marayong Sport / Blk. Workers 3 Kings
Langley 0.
All Age Div.3:
1st Grade:
Good Shepherd 3
Minchinbury 7
Quakers Hill 4

Seven Hills 0
Seven Hills 2
Blk. Workers 0.
Eastern Creek 1
Rooty Hill RSL 2
Doonside 0
bLk. Workers 3
Rooty Hill RSL 1,
Riv/Schofields 0
Doonside 1.
Seven Hills 0
Marayong Sport / Blk.
Marayong Sport 2,
Plumpton/Oakhurst 0,
Lourdes / Shalvey 0.

Div.3 Reserves:
Kings Langley 4
Eastern Creek 3
Minchinbury 6
Quakers Hill 0
U/17-18 Girls Div.1:
Plumpton/Oakhurst A 0 Oakville 5
Quakers Hill 3
C.S.I. 11
All Age Ladies Div.1:
Marayong Sport 2
Blk. Premiers Wof Mt.Druitt Sports LoF,
Doonside 3
All Age Ladies Div.2:
Blk. St.Patricks B 4
Marayong Sport 2
Parklea 5
Sport 2,
Ryde City 0

Good Shepherd 1,
Marayong Sport 1,
Plumpton/Oakhurst 1,
Lourdes / Shalvey 0.
Rooty Hill RSL 0
Plumpton/Oakht B 0.
Blk. Oakville 0
Blk. Premiers Wof Mt.Druitt Sports LoF,
Quakers Hill 1.
Seven Hills 0
Blk. St.Patricks A 1,
Mt.Druitt Sports 0.
Sydney University 2
Hajduk Wanderers 4
Mt Druitt Town 4
Fraser Park 5
Hurstville ZSC 2
U-21:
Belmore Hercules 2
Hills United 1
Sydney University 1
Hajduk Wanderers 3
Mt Druitt Town 6
Fraser Park 4 bt
Hurstville ZSC 2
U-18:
Sydney District 2
Arnccliffe Scots 2
Hills United 6
Mt Pritchard 2
Hajduk Wanderers 4
Mt Druitt Town 1
Sydney District 3
Greystanes 3

NSW FEDERATION:
SUPER LEAGUE:
First Grade:
Blacktown City 3
D Brown 31m
J Angelucci 71m
P Yates 83m
Bonnyrigg 4
R Younis 6m 67m
M Crnokrak 65m
J Ghisio 37m
Sutherland Sharks 2
C Tolson 8m
Own Goal 15m
Parramatta Eagles 5
A Anderson 37m
G Bard 84m 86m 89m
P O'Grady 90m
Canterbury 3
S Christoforidis
25m 75m
Z Ilic 85m
U-21:
Ryde City 3
Bonnyrigg 4
Bankstown City 5
Parramatta Eagles 1
Canterbury 4
U-18:
Blacktown City 1
Central Coast 2
Bankstown City 1

Central Coast 0
Blacktown City 1,
Central Coast 1,
Sutherland Sharks 1,
Eastern Suburbs 0,
Leichhardt Tigers 3.
Ryde City 0
Bonnyrigg 1
Sutherland Sharks 0,
Sydney University 2
Hajduk Wanderers 4
Mt Druitt Town 1
Sydney District 3
Greystanes 3
Sydney District 1,
Arnccliffe Scots 1,
Mt Pritchard 1
University of NSW 2,
Belmore Hercules 0,
Sydney District 2,
Greystanes 1
Belmore Hercules 2,
University of NSW 2,
Arnccliffe Scots 0
Sydney University 1,
University of NSW 1,
Belmore Hercules 1,
Fraser Park 1
Hurstville ZSC 0.

DIVISION THREE:
First Grade:
Western Sydney 2
Western Sydney 1
White City 3
Hakoah 0
Camden Tigers 3
Parramatta City 3
The Wanderers 9
Second Grade:
Western Sydney 3
Western Sydney 3
Trasandinos 4
Hakoah 8
Colo Colo 1
Prospect United 7
Maroubra United 3
DIVISION FOUR:
First Grade:
Holy Cross College 1
Nepean District 2
Eastern Creek 3
CSI Schofields 3
Marrickville 1
Holy Cross Ryde 0
Granville Greenisland 4
Auburn Star 1
Second Grade:
Holy Cross College 3
United Eagles 1
Prairieview United 3
Balmain 2
Hawkesbury City vs Marrickville p/p
Auburn Star 0
United Eagles 2
Prairieview United 0
Eastern Creek 1,
CSI Schofields 1,
Springwood 1.
Auburn Star 2
Nepean District 0,
Eastern Creek 1,
CSI Schofields 1,
Springwood 1.

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DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon	10	6	4	0	25	5	22
Geelong	10	5	3	2	21	19	18
East Richmond	10	5	3	2	18	16	18
Knox City	10	5	2	3	19	10	17
Altona City	10	5	2	3	10	12	17
Frankston Pines	9	4	4	1	26	11	16
Cranbourne Comets	10	4	4	2	19	15	16
Thomastown / Regent	10	3	4	3	19	16	13
Old Scotch Waverley	9	4	1	4	11	15	13
Ringwood City	10	3	3	4	16	23	12
Satellite City Rov'S	10	2	2	6	7	22	8
Frankston Strikers	10	1	4	5	12	17	7
Croydon City Arrows	10	1	4	5	11	17	7
Diamond Valley Utd	10	0	2	8	11	27	2

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Stonnington City	10	7	2	1	28	13	23
South Wantirna	10	6	2	2	19	11	20
North Coburg United	10	5	3	2	17	9	18
Fitzroy City	10	4	5	1	23	16	17
Moreland City	10	5	2	3	20	13	17
South Springvale	10	4	5	1	12	6	17
Williamstown	10	4	2	4	20	19	14
Laverton Park	10	3	4	3	17	15	13
Mooroolbark	10	3	3	4	11	19	12
Pascoe Vale	10	3	2	5	15	22	11
Keilor Park	10	3	1	6	11	19	10
Bell Park	10	2	3	5	10	16	9
Broadmeadows City	9	1	2	6	9	21	5
Banyule City	9	0	2	7	8	21	2

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Langwarrin	9	9	0	0	35	8	27
Sandringham City	10	7	1	2	38	20	22
Lyndale United	10	6	3	1	22	13	21
Croxton Park	10	4	5	1	23	16	17
Sunbury United	10	5	1	4	21	17	16
Seaford United	10	5	1	4	21	20	16
Lalor	9	4	2	3	19	18	14
Melton	10	4	2	4	15	17	14
Keysborough	10	3	2	5	23	17	11
Corio	10	2	3	5	11	22	9
Clifton Hill United	10	2	2	6	16	26	8
Nunawading City	10	2	1	7	9	26	7
Geelong Rangers	10	1	3	6	11	24	6
Chelsea	10	1	2	7	10	30	5

WEST AUSTRALIA SOCCER WEST COAST PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Western Knights	8	7	0	1	29	7	21
Sorrento	8	5	1	2	30	12	16
ECU Joondalup	8	5	1	2	22	8	16
Fremantle City	8	5	1	2	20	16	16
Bayswater City	8	4	2	2	15	46	14
Floreat Athena	8	3	2	3	22	19	11
Inglewood Falcons	8	3	2	3	12	15	11
Ashfield Bunbury	8	3	1	4	12	17	10
Perth SC	8	2	2	4	8	13	8
Stirling Lions	8	2	0	6	11	25	6
Cockburn City	8	1	1	6	9	25	4
Kingsway Olympic	8	1	1	6	5	28	4

Holy Cross Ryde 3
White Valley 1
Springwood 1

DIVISION FIVE:

First Grade:	
UTS 3	Sydney TUSC 0,
Macquarie Sports 3	Sydney Kings 0
UTS 1	Liverpool Olympic 0,
Kosciusko 3	Bossy 2
Sporting SCC 3	Sydney Kings 0
Kellyville Kolts 7	Lithgow Workmen 0,
Sydney TUSC 3	Earlwood Hermes 1,
AVA United 5	Homenetmen 1
Second Grade	
Macquarie Sports 3	Sydney Kings 0,
Liverpool Olympic 2	UTS 0
Kosciusko 2	Bossy 0
Sporting SCC 3	Sydney Kings 0
Kellyville Kolts 3	Lithgow Workmen 0,
Sydney TUSC 3	Earlwood Hermes 0,
Homenetmen 2	AVA United 1
Sydney TUSC 2	UTS 1.

WOMEN SUPER LEAGUE:

First Grade:	
NSW ITC/Academy 2	NNSW ITC 0
NNSW ITC 2	Shoalhaven Assoc 0,
Central Coast 3	Sutherland Sharks 1.
Second Grade:	
NSW ITC 4	NNSW ITC 2
NNSW ITC 4	Shoalhaven Assoc 0,
Central Coast 0	Sutherland Sharks 0.

WOMEN STATE LEAGUE:

First Grade:	
St George 2	Wollongong Wolves 1,
Bathurst City 4	Roselands 0.
Second Grade:	
Wollongong Wolves 2	St George 1
Roselands 2	Bathurst City 0.

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE:

U-13:	
Leichhardt Tigers 2	Gladesville Hornsby 1,
Parramatta Eagles 4	Eastern Suburbs 1,
Marconi Fairfield 3	Sydney United 0,
Sutherland Sharks 2	Macarthur Rams 1,
Manly Warringah 3	Southern Districts 1,
Blacktown City 2	Newcastle Breakers 0
Sydney Olympic 4	Central Coast 0,
Southern Branch 1	Wollongong Wolves 1.
U-14:	
Gladesville Hornsby 3	Leichhardt Tigers 1,
Parramatta Eagles 3	Eastern Suburbs 0,
Sydney United 4	Marconi Fairfield 2,
Macarthur Rams 1	Sutherland Sharks 0,
Southern Districts 1	Manly Warringah 1,
Blacktown City 2	Newcastle Breakers 0,
Sydney Olympic 3	Central Coast 1,
Southern Branch 2	Wollongong Wolves 1.
U-15:	
Gladesville Hornsby 3	Leichhardt Tigers 0,
Eastern Suburbs 0	Parramatta Eagles 0,
Marconi Fairfield 3	Sydney United 0,
Sutherland Sharks 4	Macarthur Rams 1,
Southern Districts 4	Manly Warringah 2,
Blacktown City 2	Newcastle Breakers 0,
Sydney Olympic 2	Central Coast 1
Wollongong Wolves 4	Southern Branch 0
U-16:	
Leichhardt Tigers 2	Gladesville Hornsby 0,
Parramatta Eagles 5	Eastern Suburbs 0,
Marconi Fairfield 1	Sydney United 0,
Sutherland Sharks 5	Macarthur Rams 0,
Southern Districts 6	Manly Warringah 2,
Newcastle Breakers 4	Blacktown City 2,
Sydney Olympic 3	Central Coast 1
Wollongong Wolves 1	Southern Branch 0.

DIVISION ONE:

U-13:	
Canterbury 1	Canterbury Assoc 0,
Bankstown Assoc 4	Stanmore Hawks 1,
Illawarra Lions 1	Penrith Panthers 0,
Hills United 2	AC United 1
Blacktown Assoc 2	Fairfield Bulls 1
Bonnyrigg 1	St George 1
Rockdale City 1	Ryde City 0

Bankstown Assoc 4
U-14:

Canterbury 3	Canterbury Assoc 1,
Stanmore Hawks 2	Bankstown ASSOC 0,
Illawarra Lions 3	Penrith Panthers 3
AC United 2	Hills United 1
Blacktown Assoc 0	Fairfield Bulls 0
St George 3	Bonnyrigg WE 1,
Ryde City 1	Rockdale City Suns 1,
Bankstown Assoc 5	Fairfield Bulls 1
U-15:	
Canterbury Assoc 2	Canterbury M'Ville 1,
Bankstown Assoc 3	Stanmore Hawks 1,
Illawarra Lions 3	Penrith Panthers 0
AC United 1	Hills United 0
Blacktown Assoc 2	Fairfield Bulls 2
Bonnyrigg 4	St George 2
Ryde City 4	Rockdale City Suns 1,
Bankstown Assoc 6	Fairfield Bulls 0
U-16:	
Canterbury Assoc 7	Canterbury M'Ville 0
Stanmore Hawks 3	Bankstown Assoc 2,
Illawarra Lions 3	Penrith Panthers 1,
Hills United 2	AC United 1
Blacktown Assoc 1	Fairfield Bulls 0
Bonnyrigg 1	St George 1
Ryde City vs Rockdale City Suns	
Bankstown Assoc 3	Fairfield Bulls 1.

DIV TWO:

U-13:	
Nepean Association 6	CSI Schofields 0,
Kuring-gai Assoc 1	Macquarie Sports 1,
Hajduk Wanderers 3	Granville Asso 0
Mt Druiett Town 2	Mt Pritchard 2,
Moorebank Sports 1	Camden Tigers 0,
Hawkesbury City 4	Parramatta City 0.
U-14:	
Nepean Association 0	CSI Schofields 0,
Macquarie Sports 2	Kuring-gai Assoc 1,
Granville Association 4	Hajduk Wanderers 0,
Mt Pritchard 2	Mt Druiett Town 0,
Camden Tigers 4	Moorebank Sports 0,
Hawkesbury City 0	Parramatta City 0
U-15:	
Nepean Assoc 6	CSI Schofields 2,
Kuring-gai Assoc 5	Macquarie Sports 0,
Hajduk Wanderers 6	Granville Association 0,
1, Mt Pritchard 3	Mt Druiett Town 1,
Moorebank Sports 1	Camden Tigers 0,
Parramatta City 6	Hawkesbury City 0.
U-16:	
Nepean Association 7	CSI Schofields 0,
Macquarie Sports 2	Kuring-gai Assoc 0,
Hajduk Wanderers 2	Granville Assoc 0
Mt Druiett Town 2	Mt Pritchard 0
Camden Tigers 6	Moorebank Sports 0,
Hawkesbury City 1	Parramatta City 1.

CADET LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE:

U-11:	
St George 8	Bonnyrigg 0
Marconi Fairfield 3	Sydney United 1,
Parramatta Eagles 3	Eastern Suburbs 0,
Ryde City 5	Parramatta City 1
Canterbury 3	Leichhardt Tigers 0.
U-12:	
Sydney United 1	Marconi Fairfield 1,
Parramatta Eagles 3	Eastern Suburbs 2,
Ryde City 1	Parramatta City 0,
Leichhardt Tigers 0	Canterbury 0

DIVISION TWO:

U-11:	
Macquarie Sports 7	Hajduk Wanderers 0,
Macquarie Sports 2	CSI Schofields 0,
Hawkesbury City 2	Stanmore Hawks 2,
Penrith Panthers 3	Hajduk Wanderers 0,
Moorebank Sports 1	Mt Pritchard 1,
Illawarra Lions 3	Mt Druiett Town 0,
Hills United 0	Hurstville City 0
U-12:	
Hajduk Wanderers 2	Macquarie Sports 1,
Macquarie Sports 3	CSI Schofields 1,
Stanmore Hawks 1	Hawkesbury City 0,
Penrith Panthers 3	Hajduk Wanderers 0,
Moorebank Sports 2	Mt Pritchard 1
Illawarra Lions 3	Mt Druiett Town 1,



Grand Final scorer Paul Trimboli

Hills United 2 Hurstville City 0.

ILLAWARRA PREMIER LEAGUE

Cringila Lions 0	Port Kembla 3
Kemblawarra 6	Fernill 1
Northern United 5	Woonona 0
Bullfi 3	Wollongong WE 0
Coniston Lions 2	Wollongong Oly 1
Shoalhaven City 3	Lysaghts 4

QUEENSLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Rochdale Rovers 3	Brisbane City 1
Mt Gravatt 1	Toowoomba United 1
Bundaberg Waves 1	Gold Coast City 2
Wynnum Wolves 2	Ipswich Knights 3
Taringa Rovers 2	Brisbane Lions 0

WEST AUSTRALIA

SOCCER WEST COAST PREMIER LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE	
Fremantle City 2	Sorrento 1
Kingsway Olympic 0	Floreat Athena 5
Perth SC 3	Stirling Lions 1
Cockburn City 1	Bayswater City 2
Inglewood Falcons 1	Joondalup 0
Ashfield-Bunbury 0	Western Knights 4
RESERVE GRADE	
Fremantle City 5	Sorrento 1
Kingsway Olympic 2	Floreat Athena 0
Perth SC 2	Stirling Lions 0
Cockburn City 1	Bayswater City 1

Inglewood Falcons 1	Joondalup 6
Ashfield-Bunbury 1	Western Knights 3
UNDER 18s	
Fremantle City 5	Sorrento 0
Kingsway Olympic 2	Floreat Athena 1
Perth SC 11	Stirling Lions 0
Cockburn City 2	Bayswater City 2
Inglewood Falcons 4	Joondalup 1
Ashfield-Bunbury 2	Western Knights 0

FIRST DIVISION

Queens Park 1	Perth City 2
Leeming Strikers 4	Balcatta 2
Armadale 2	Bassendean 4
Rockingham 5	Dianella 1
Swan 3	Wanneroo City 0
Stirling Suns 2	Southside United 4

VICTORIA

CRAZY JOHN'S STATE LEAGUE 1:

Firsts: Rd 10:	
Doncaster Rovers 2	Westgate 2
Kingston City 0	Lalor United 3
Western Suburbs 2	Werribee City 0
Springvale City 1	Richmond 4
Northcote City 0	Oakleigh 2
Melbourne City 0	Nth Geelong

CRAZY JOHN'S STATE LEAGUE 2:

Firsts: Rd 10:	
Frankston Strikers 1	Altona City 2
Old Scotch Waverley PP	Frankston Pines 1,
Geelong 4	Diamond Valley 1,
Croydon City 1	Cranbourne Comets 2,
Satellite City Rov'S 0	Ringwood City 1

East Richmond 1	Knox City 1
Essendon 2	Thomastown 2

CRAZY JOHN'S STATE LEAGUE 3:

Firsts: Rd 10:	
South Springvale 1	Williamstown 0
Pascoe Vale 2	Mooroolbark 3
Moreland City 2	South Wantirna 3,
Stonnington City 4	Keilor Park 1
Laverton Park 1	Fitzroy City 1,
Banyule City PP	Broadmeadows City
North Coburg United 1	Bell Park 0

CRAZY JOHN'S STATE LEAGUE 4:

Firsts: Rd 10:	
Seaford United 3	Sandringham City 4,
Lalor PP Langwarrin	
Lyndale United 2	Nunawading City 0,
Clifton Hill United 1	Melton 2
Sunbury United 1	Corio 1
Croxton Park 2	Keysborough 2
Chelsea 0	Geelong Rangers 0

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GRAND FINAL	
South Melbourne 3	Sydney United 2

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GRAND FINAL	
AIS 8	Adelaide City 1

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